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More Info Necessary...

Council Postpones Vote To Buy St. Anne's

by Christine Piesyk
Advertiser News Staff

Financial facts.

That's what the majority of Agawam Town Councilors apparently want. And without that information, the council, in a 7-3 vote, with one absention, opted to table two resolutions that would enable the town to proceed with the proposed purchase of the 171-acre St. Anne's Country Club in Feeding Hills.

The red-hot issue will resurface on the council's August 1st agenda in what is shaping up to be another hot summer night if what happened Tuesday night is any indication of things to come.

An enthusiastic, at times unwieldy crowd of 60 vocal proponents of the land acquisition were in attendance Tuesday. Many addressed the council during Citizen's Speak Time to advocate the need for open space and to take a stand against residential and/or commercial development of the property.

More Detailed Information

The debate lasted for nearly two hours and ended with the majority of the council pushing Town Manager Reid S. Charles for more detailed information.

The resolutions tabled included one that would approve a loan order not to exceed \$4.2 million for purchase of the land. The second resolution would allow Charles to initiate and proceed with any and all paperwork involved for the sale and purchase.

Councilors Jessie D. Fuller, David Skolnick, and Christopher Johnson argued strongly in favor of an immediate and decisive vote in favor of purchasing the property. Councilors Frederick Nardi, Edward A. Caba, Philip DeForge, Paul Fieldstad, John Negrucci, Edward G. Borgatti, and Benjamin Lockhart opted to postpone the vote.

Council President Donald Rheault abstained from voting on the issue because he and his family had put in a verbal offer to buy the property prior to the town getting involved.

Johnson presented a financial overview in a "win-lose-or break even" format tied to future tax rates, contingent on town or private development of the site.

According to Johnson, private development could ultimately cost the town more because of the increased pressure on municipal services that would be needed for residential and/or commercial development. Johnson said that tie-ins with the town's sewer system also is another burden that development would cause.

Johnson added that he is "almost assured" of some \$700,000 in state grants to offset the purchase. Charles concurred, saying he was "90 percent sure we will receive the grant."

Councilor Edward A. Caba posed the question of who would operate the site should the town acquire it. Charles acknowledged that while the town lacks the staff and expertise to manage a facility such as the golf course, it could "be leased to people whose specialty is managing recreational facilities with a fixed return to the town on their contract."

Charles pointed out that liquor and food service licenses for such a facility would also be dealt with in an on-going-as-needed basis by the council and the appropriate commissions.

"Would such an operator be answerable to the town?" asked Caba.

SEE ST. ANNE'S - Page 2...

Will Town Have To Borrow?..

Charles On Carpet From Councilors On Late Tax Bills

by Christine Piesyk
Advertiser News Staff

Setting the town's new tax rate is on Town Council's agenda for August 1st, which spells-out that final tax bills won't be mailed-out to property owners here until mid-August at best. And that delay is costing the community plenty, according to Town Councilors Paul Fieldstad and Edward G. Borgatti.

The bone of contention at presstime is just how much money the town is losing in accrued interest, and will the community be forced to borrow money later on this month in order to pay its bills?

Last week, Town Assessor Timothy Kelleher and Town Treasurer Rudy Altobelli released a statement to the media urging taxpayers to voluntarily pay their estimated tax bills so that the town can avoid being put into the position of having to borrow.

On June 20th, Fieldstad grilled Town Manager Reid S. Charles about the lateness of the tax bills, and the potential financial loss to the community due to lost accrued interest in the bank. Charles responded, "It won't hurt the town financially."

On June 23rd, Fieldstad blasted Charles on the tax bill situation in *The Advertiser News*, claiming that the community would lose between \$200,000 to \$250,000 in interest.

SEE TAX BILLS - Page 2...

In Senate At Presstime...

Mayor Bill Moves Closer To Passage By Legislature

by Christine Piesyk
Advertiser News Staff

With the House of Representatives passage of a home rule bill last week, Agawam voters are halfway towards being granted the right to choose between the current town manager charter and an elected mayor this November.

On a voice vote last week, the measure passed the House and is now in the State Senate, where State Senator Linda J. Melconian (D-Springfield) will be asked to move along the bill in the same manner as did State Representative Michael P. Walsh in the House.

Melconian co-sponsored the bill with Walsh when it was filed earlier this year.

If passed by the Senate, the home rule bill would then require the signature of Governor Michael Dukakis to be placed on the town's November ballot.

The bill would appear in referendum form, and Town Councilor Paul Fieldstad, who sponsored the bill on the council floor, says he is optimistic about its chances in the Senate.

"All we are asking is to give residents the choice between manager or mayor. Whatever way it goes, it will be the people of Agawam who make the choice and that's the way it should be."

SEE MAYOR VOTE - Page 4...

July 4th Ceremonies At Cemetery Held



YOUNG JOHN MANNING (right) wrote a tribute to those in the Springfield Street Cemetery and a brief ceremony was held on Saturday, July 2nd, as part of the town's day-long Big Fourth festivities. In photo left, Police Officer Richard Curry, dressed in a traditional Scottish kilt, plays the bag pipes during the ceremony. (RELATED PHOTOS INSIDE). Advertiser News photos by Jeff Smith.

TAXES - From Page 1...

On June 29th, Kelleher released a statement to the press saying that the lateness of the tax bills was due to the length of the property revaluation process in the town by Patriot Properties of Salem, Massachusetts. The town contracted Patriot Properties to conduct the revaluation for \$300,000 on the approval of Charles.

In that June 29th press release, Kelleher officially placed the lost interest revenue due to the late tax bills in the range of \$15,000 to \$20,000 over the months of April, May, June, and July.

On June 30th, Kelleher said the town may potentially have to borrow because of the late tax bills. *The Advertiser-News* learned at Town Hall earlier this week that the town would be out of money in July unless state cherry sheet money is received or if huge amounts of voluntary money is deposited into the town treasury.

\$41,000 Being Lost Per Month?

According to figures given by Fieldstad and Borgatti, about \$41,000 a month in interest is being lost due to the revaluation process and late billing of property taxes. Both councilors say the situation could have been avoided by better management.

The \$300,000 contract with Patriot Properties assumes the municipality will be utilizing the estimated tax billing procedure and will be entirely responsible for such procedure. The company's values will be implemented for the second billing.

Fieldstad and Borgatti both say there is no feasible reason why estimated tax bills could not have been issued to townspeople by the traditional April 1st mailing, with any adjustments to the actual tax rate coming in the fall 1988 billing.

When queried during Tuesday night's council

meeting about the possible need to borrow, Charles said he "did not believe it would be necessary."

Kelleher indicates that the revaluation process is almost complete and that hearings on tax bills are underway. He says hearings are expected to be complete by the second week in July.

With the final town valuation in hand, the state can certify the valuations to pave the way for members of the council to formally establish the new tax rate at their August 1st meeting.

Fieldstad was especially critical of the situation. He tells us that even if the actual figures in interest lost are less than \$41,000 per month, "it's too much money lost that could have been put to use by the town."

Borgatti added, "Too many people in town will not be prepared to pay a tax bill in late summer and receive a second bill in the fall. It's too much all at once."

"Somebody Made A Mistake"

"The bills should have gone out on time. Somebody made a mistake. The difference between the estimated spring billing and the actual fall billing would have been less of a financial burden to most taxpayers," Borgatti concluded.

Charles explained the discrepancy between Kelleher's estimate of interest lost and the figures calculated by Fieldstad and Borgatti by stating that not all tax revenue is put in the bank to gain interest.

He said, "If we get money in, \$1 or \$2 million may go in the bank for earned interest, but the rest is outgoing."

Charles did acknowledge, however, that losses of interest did occur because of the situation.

Fieldstad says he isn't buying Charles' explanation and that if "this is the way he is running the town, then it's another case of bad management practices."

ST. ANNE'S - From Page 1...**Successful, Revenue-Producing Property**

Caba emphasized that if the purchase option is exercised, "I want to see it as a successful, revenue-producing property regardless of what capacity it is used."

Councilor Edward G. Borgatti, while not in opposition to the purchase, also requested additional financial information so he could make a well-informed decision on the issue. He pointed-out that the council has met only once to discuss a purchase involving more than \$4 million in town funds.

"I'm not against it," he says, "but I just have a lot of questions. I need numbers." Borgatti added that leasing the land "is the only way" the town could feasibly purchase the property.

Councilor Paul Fieldstad echoed the "don't rush in" sentiments, stating, "I'd like something in writing."

Fieldstad reiterated concern over a perpetually increasing annual town budget and asked for a "definitive answer on the supposed \$700,000 from the state."

Concern was voiced over deadlines for a decision to purchase the land from the Napolitan brothers, but those concerns were eased with Town Solicitor Anthony Bonavita's assurance that the current owners of the property have extended their August 30th sale deadline to November 1st.

While the town's total debt service was debated by councilors, advocates of the town buying the property of the site alternately applauded, cheered, and heckled, depending on which viewpoint was under discussion at the time.

At one point during the nearly two-hour debate, Rheault had to call for order to allow the meeting to proceed.

The postponement of the purchase brings to question whether a favorable decision on the purchase at next month's meeting will allow Charles to have enough time to complete the required paperwork to facilitate the sale.

Attorney Stephen Reilly of Springfield has offered to purchase the site from owners Francis J. and William E. Napolitan for \$3.785 million, but the town holds the right to first option to match any purchase offers because the Napolitans took advantage of a tax-reduction program for recreational land.

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Henry Kozloski, Chairman

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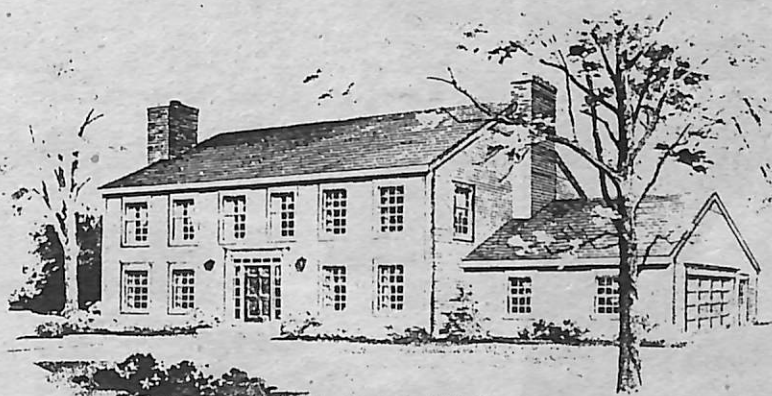
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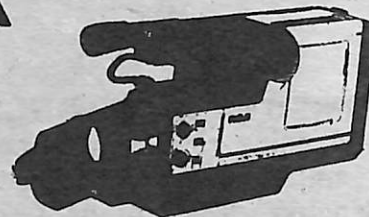
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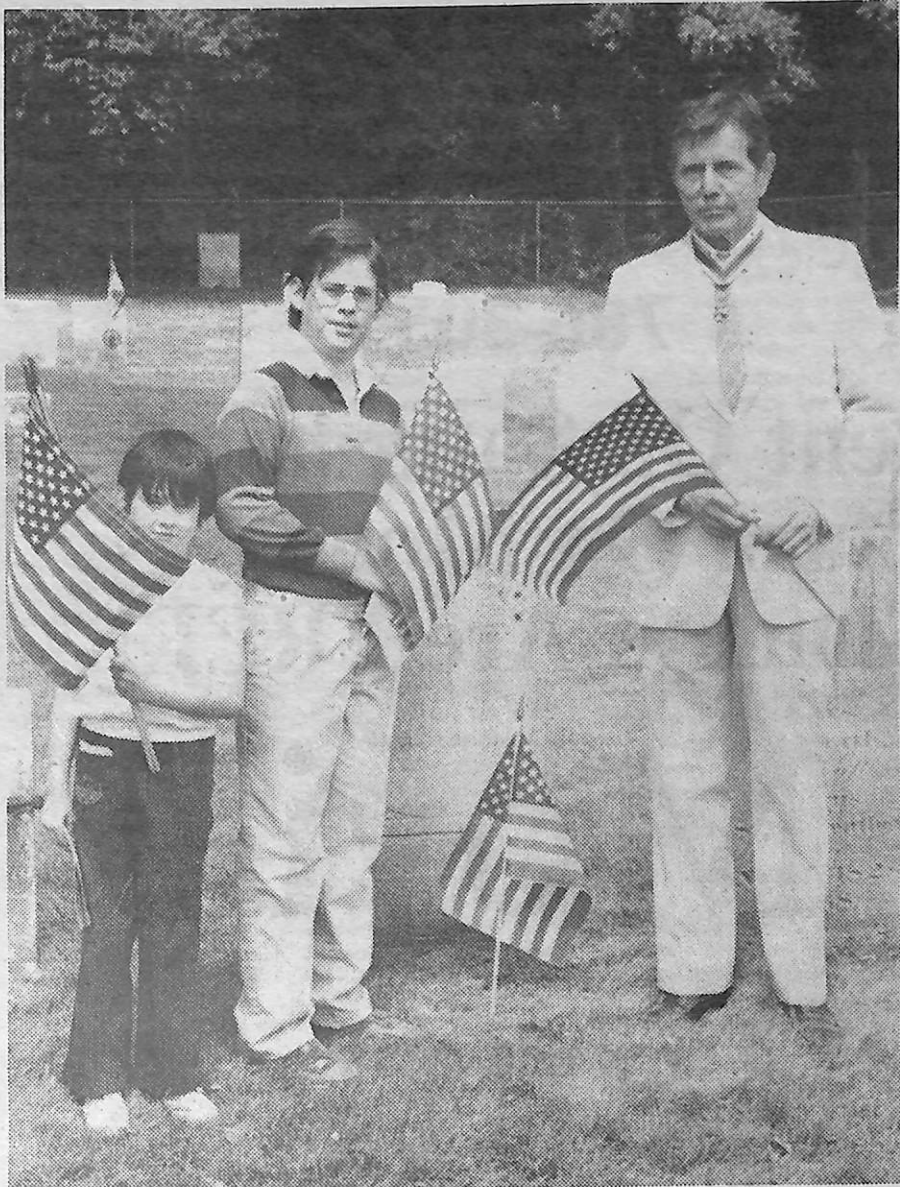
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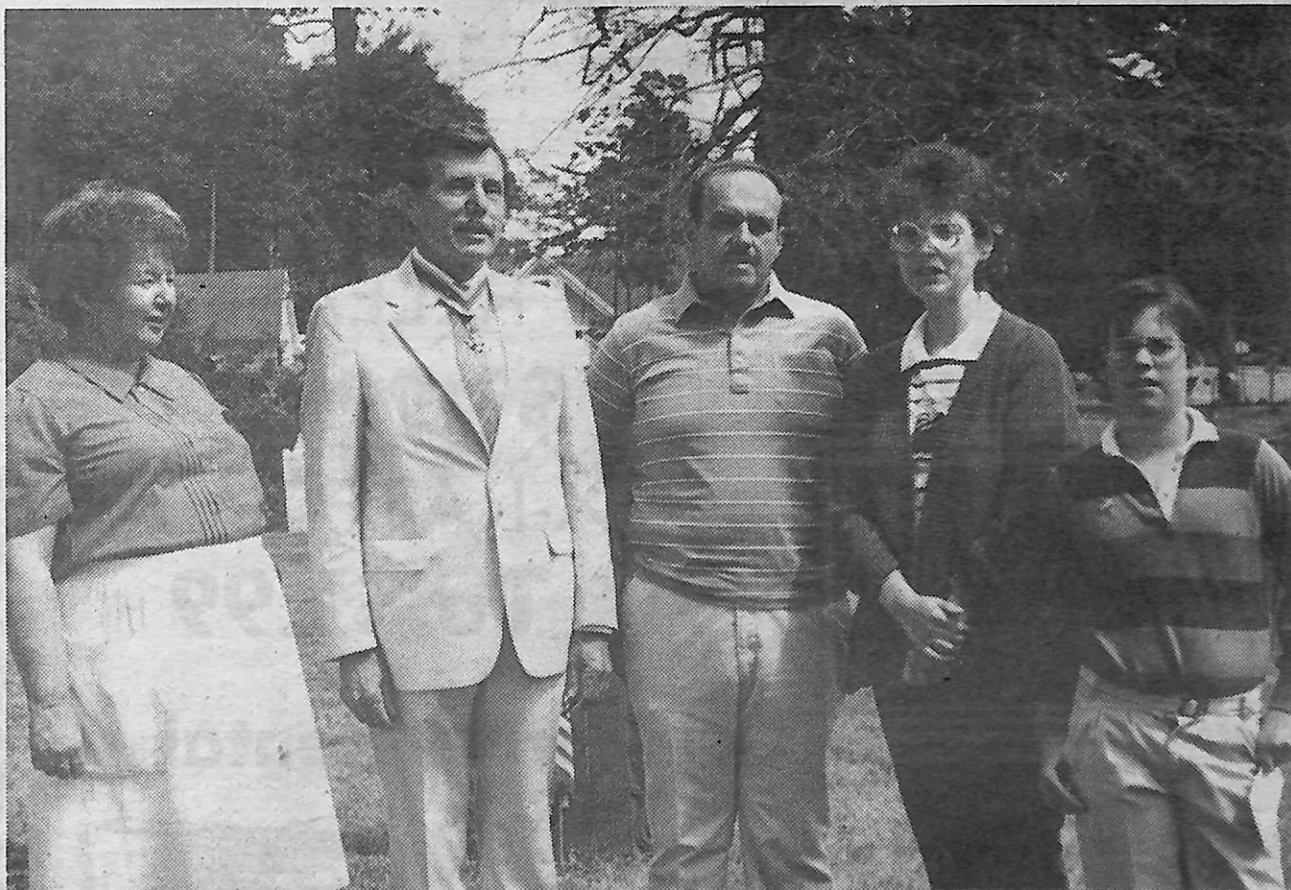
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JOHN MANNING of Agawam (center) is pictured with his sister, Mary, and Douglas Blanchard, president of the George Washington Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution, Springfield, at the Springfield Street Cemetery in Feeding Hills on July 2nd. Advertiser News photo by Jeff Smith.



PICTURED AT THE SPRINGFIELD STREET CEMETERY on July 2nd to listen as student John Manning (right) honors those who's final resting place is in the site. From left - Ann Bradford, an Agawam teacher and local historian; Douglas Blanchard, president, George Washington Chapter of the American Revolution; and proud parents John & Helen Manning.

Advertiser News photo to Jeff Smith.

LEGAL NOTICE

**TOWN OF AGAWAM
BOARD OF APPEALS**

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals will give a hearing at Administration Annex Building, Agawam, THURSDAY, JULY 14, 1988 at 7:30 P.M. o'clock, to all parties interested in the appeal of ANDOVER RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT TRUST who is seeking relief from Section 20-8 (b) of the Zoning Ordinances to allow for the erection of a wall and guard house in excess of four feet on the premises known and identified as 1485 SUFFIELD STREET (SUFFIELD COMMONS).

By order of the Board of Appeals,
Ronald LaRiviere, Chairman

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MAYOR BALLOT - From Page 1...

If the bill were to pass the Senate and be signed by Dukakis in the required time frame to appear on this November's ballot, and if voters passed it, current Town Manager Reid S. Charles would be out of a job unless he chose to run for mayor.

Walsh said he was able to convince his colleagues in Boston that the voters of the town "had the right to choose their form of government."

"The question is giving the people in Agawam the right of choice, and that is what the council asked me to do when the majority passed on the home rule bill to my office," Walsh told *The Advertiser News* earlier this week.

"I've done everything that was needed to do in the House of Representatives to move the bill closer to fruition," Walsh added.

Several weeks ago following a hearing of the Legislature's Local Affairs Committee, the bill appeared to be on hold because of reservations posed by committee members, including committee Chairman Arthur Grenier.

However, the home rule bill came out of committee last week and immediately appeared on the floor of the House for a vote. There was no dissent during the two voice votes.

Town Council passed the bill in a 7-4 vote.

Opponents of passing the home rule bill to Walsh and Melconian wanted to first see a charter study process completed before the referendum was placed on the ballot.

Council Vice-President Jessie D. Fuller, a vocal opponent of the home rule bill, said she wants clarification of what type of mayoral system would be implemented prior to a projected November vote (if the measure passes the State Senate and is signed by Dukakis).

When pushing the measure on the council floor, Fieldstad said that in his petition, proponents replaced the word "manager" and replaced it with "mayor" throughout the town charter.

Fieldstad said the major difference between the present charter and one with a mayor "is that the people in this town can choose who is running their government, not a majority of the council. I think people in town are fed-up with the lack of accountability in the current town administration and are frustrated by the system."

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The Agawam Conservation Commission will meet on Thursday, July 14, 1988 at 8:45 PM, in the Agawam Town Clerk's Conference Room, 36 Main Street, Agawam, MA. The purpose of this meeting will be to hear the Request for Determination of Applicability for Resource Control, Inc. for property located at Bondi's Island.

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Ag. Chamber News & Activities...

President's Message

by Warren Luthgren

I'm ecstatic about the success of our chamber programs due to our membership participation, new members, Agawam Nostalgia Day, the Customer Service Seminar, the Chamber Spring Fling Advertising, Career Day at Agawam High School, and all the new programs on the drawing board.

To give recognition to all of our members (i.e., over 60 participated in Career Day) is not possible, but I would like to do so in each newsletter for those people who go that extra step to be of help.

Our activities are far reaching and I am not privy to all who work behind the scenes. I therefore ask you to write or call me so I can recognize worthy members in future newsletters.

Our thanks this bimonthly newsletter to Ritchie Mitnick, Dr. Kay Schlaffer, and Mike Mahar for their efforts in our programs. Also, I'm sure the above give their praise to Kelly Griffin and Jean Falk from our professional staff at the chamber for their endless leg work in all of our programs. Finally, my personal thanks to Rob Gladden, vice-president of Affiliate Chambers, for his assistance.

Coming Attractions

Agawam/West Springfield Outing

August 16th—site of golfing for the Agawam/West Springfield annual outing, followed by a cookout and plenty of games and fun for everyone at the West Springfield Elks Club. Please watch for more information on this event coming your way soon.

Committee Updates

Most of the committee chairpeople are focusing on their new agendas for the year and beginning to form the bulk of their committees. For any members who would like to become a part of any of the committees listed, please call Kelly Griffin at the Chamber, 787-1540. We always need more people and we are anxious to meet you!

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:

Chairman—Patrick Carley

This committee is going to be working hard to accomplish a number of ventures this year. They will be creating a small business resource and information bureau with the University of Massachusetts to provide some seminars for Agawam. Also, investigating the development of St. Anne's Golf Course, establishing contact with the Agawam Office of Community Development for possible economic projects, and

creating an Agawam business-to-business network.

MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT:

Chairwoman—Attorney Patricia Hebert

The goal this year is to work towards greater retention while actively recruiting prospective members.

GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS:

Chairman—Mark Haymes

This committee will be evaluating important issues and bills and discussing where the chamber should stand on each.

RETAIL DEVELOPMENT:

Chairman—Ritchie Mitnick

This busy committee just finished an active spring. There was an outstanding Customer Service Seminar, a Spring Fling Advertising Campaign, and an Agawam Nostalgia Advertising Week. No doubt the coming year will be equally busy.

EDUCATION & MANPOWER:

Chairwoman—Dr. Katherine Schlaffer

Through the efforts of this committee, another successful Career Day was held at the Agawam High School. There were over 60 speakers and many people gave very generously of their time for students.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT:

Chairman—John Mercadante

The signs in Agawam have been put up and are helping to beautify the city. There will be more ground covered in keeping Agawam a positive place to live and work.

SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT:

Chairman—Ron Hebert

This committee will meet to plan for the special and separate needs of small businesses.

Obviously we will have another big year ahead of us.

NEW MEMBERS

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SEE CHAMBER - Page 6...

Council Approves New \$2.6 Million Bond For Middle School Work

by Christine Piesyk
Advertiser News Staff

Agawam Town Council unanimously approved a \$2.6 million bond order in addition to a \$1.1 million bond order issued in 1986 for renovations to the Agawam Middle School.

Representing the Building Maintenance Department at Tuesday night's meeting was Tony Albro, who fielded various questions from council members.

Albro explained the initial work done to the building and elaborated on what was needed to correct the existing building code violations and bring-up the facility to standard.

According to Albro, the first phase (covered by the \$1.1 million bond) includes a new heating system, repair to the roof of the gymnasium, upgrading electrical systems, and installing new windows throughout the building.

"The school is 67 years-old," he states. "It had code violations. It needed to be updated."

Albro notes that a new building of 88,000 square feet would cost \$140 per square foot, while renovations to the existing school will cost the town \$30 per square foot.

"A technical audit indicated the building is structurally sound and should have another 75 years left in it. It's worth it," Albro added.

A new loan order for the \$2.6 million bond would complete the new ventilation system, install new fire doors, ceilings with recessed lighting, and provide new floors.

Council Vice-President Jessie D. Fuller asked Albro about the moving of the school's library to the basement of the building. Albro said that structurally, the existing library's floor would not support the continued weight of the library, which is increasing every year.

He pointed out that the use of the basement would not pose any hazard to students because there were 10 windows and new ventilation was installed in the area. The moving of the library allowed for the addition of two new classrooms to the school.

When questioned about possible additional money for the school, Town Manager Reid S. Charles assured the council that the second bond issue would cover completion of all repairs to the school.

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LETTERS to the EDITOR

Supporting Fight For Life

To The Editor:

In the past few years Agawam has had more than its share of cancer in our youth. Somehow when the disease strikes a young person, we all seem more aware of our own vulnerability.

Very recently another boy has been stricken, this time with a rare form of leukemia. Gregg Converse (son of Gary Converse and June Belanger), an upcoming junior at Agawam High School, has been faced with personally making some very tough decisions about his life. He has gone through what most of us will never experience in our lifetimes in the way of pain and suffering. As with any serious illness, it is not only the victim who suffers, but the family as well. But it is Gregg's courage that cannot go unnoticed by this community.

Gregg will be 17 on July 19th. Let's join in a group effort to support Gregg and his parents as they battle through this horrendous ordeal in the fight for life. Please take time to send a card (no visits or phone calls please) to:

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Springfield, Mass.
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50 Redwood Drive
Agawam, Mass.

Special thanks is given to Ed Lynch, Agawam school psychologist, for all the support he has given to Gregg and his family.

Joan B. Karam
Bunny Converse
Agawam

FIRE-WISE

by Fire Chief Rusty Jenks

Don't Forget: Pack Fire Safety

Vacation time is exciting. It's a chance to go somewhere different, see old friends, and have new experiences. But going on vacation means we're in a strange environment, and that means we need to think a little bit about safety. The Agawam Fire Department wants you to bring fire safety practices with you when you travel.

Whether you're going to Aunt Maude's farm, a cabin in the mountains, or a high-rise hotel at a seashore resort, special care is necessary. For example, you probably know how you would escape from your bedroom at home if there was a fire in the middle of the night, but how would you escape from that hotel room in the clouds, or from Uncle Fred's spare room?

When you first arrive, be sure you notice where the doors and windows are that you might use as exits. Then check them out to be sure they'll really work out. In fact, find at least two near the room you're in. Really make a mental note of the route between your room and the outside.

Count how many doors there are between your room and each exit. In a fire you will have to crawl to keep lower than the smoke, and you probably won't be able to see. If you've made a point of noticing how to get out, you can feel along the wall to guide your escape. If you're assigned a hotel room that's too far from an exit to feel safe, ask for another room. It's your life.

Remember, an elevator is not an emergency exit. Even if they don't shut down in a fire, don't use them anyway. They more often kill than save.

Notice whether there are smoke detectors and automatic fire sprinklers. In fact, asking in advance is a good idea. Inexpensive, portable smoke detectors are available for travelling. Don't leave home without one.

Whenever you are vacationing, always be fire safe. Be careful with smoking materials. Don't overload electrical circuits. If a fire starts, shout to alert others and get out quickly and carefully. Once outside, don't go back inside. Call the fire department from a nearby phone—never from inside before you escape.

Have a happy and safe vacation.

Children Big Victims Of Dog Bites

by Bob Burke
Agawam Animal Control Officer

Now that the schools are closed and the kids are out and about, there is a greater amount of contact between children and dogs and the result is a greater amount of dog bites reported.

The dog bite is one of the most common health problems in America. There are approximately one million reported per year, and there are approximately another four million that go unreported.

Oddly enough, it is not the **stray** dog that is involved in biting people; instead, it's the **owned** dog that bites people and here are some of the reasons.

1. Dogs are territorial animals and protect their property.

2. Dogs shouldn't be bothered when they are eating.

3. Dogs can be injured or have a hip displacement.

4. Dogs are affected by hot weather.

5. Dogs can bite out of fear of being trapped.

6. Dogs can be provoked into biting.

With these reasons in mind, you may help prevent your children from being a dog bite victim by explaining why that friendly dog down the street should be left alone.

The most frequently bitten people are children. This is most likely because children like to hug and pet animals and don't know the dangers and reasons of a dog bite. Dog owners should take the responsibility of keeping their dogs restrained on their own property to prevent children from coming in contact with them. This is one of many reasons for the **leash law**.

It seems that the most frequent part of the body that gets bitten is the leg area. I would have to guess that the reason that people's legs are bitten most frequently is because they are trying to get away from the dog. Dogs are **chasers**.

This trait is derived from their ancestors, the wolf, and if you run from them, they will most likely chase you down and bite you. So, your best defense would be to face a potentially dangerous dog and back away slowly to a safe spot.

I hope this message will enable all of you to enjoy a safe and painless summer. If you have a neighbor whose dog is constantly running loose, **clip this article out and send it to him or her.** It may help alleviate a future problem.

There were 17 animal complaints for the week ending Sunday, July 3rd, 1988.

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Pamela Blodgett Engaged To Wed Paul Zerbinopoulos

Mr. & Mrs. Gary Blodgett of 11 Longleaf Road, Boylston, announce the engagement of their daughter, Dr. Pamela Blodgett, to Dr. Paul Zerbinopoulos.

Her fiancé is the son of Mr. & Mrs. William Zerbinopoulos of 57 Harding Street, Agawam.

Dr. Blodgett is a graduate of Tahanto Regional High School, Boylston, Ursinus College, Collegeville, Pennsylvania, and New England College of Optometry, Boston. She is employed at the West Roxbury Veteran's Administration Hospital.

Dr. Zerbinopoulos is a graduate of Agawam High School, Framingham State College, and New England College of Optometry. He is employed at Koch Eye Center, Warwick, Rhode Island.

A September wedding is planned.

Agawam Garden Club Slates Meeting July 12th

The Agawam Garden Club will meet Tuesday, July 12th, at 7:30 p.m., at the Captain Charles Leonard House. Following a short business meeting, clubmember Alice Moore will present a program on herbs.

The talk will include the history of herbs as well as information on medicinal and culinary uses of herbs. Mrs. Moore will also have potted herbs on display and examples of herbal cooking to aid in her demonstration.

Members are reminded to bring a plant for the plant swap following the meeting. Refreshments will be served, and guests are welcome to attend.

Catholic Women's Club Begin Plans For 50th Anniversary

The Catholic Women's Club of Agawam will celebrate its 50th anniversary on September 12th, 1988 with a special Mass at St. John the Evangelist Church at 5:30 p.m., followed by cocktails and dinner at the Tivoli Room at Chez Josef.

A large committee consisting of 18 past presidents and 12 from the membership at large has been meeting since November to formulate plans for the upcoming event. Letters of detail have been mailed to the members. Reservations should be made by July 25th. Cancellation date is September 7th.

Penny DeForge is chairwoman of the anniversary celebration, Adele Gallano is co-chairwoman, and Carolyn Capitanio is historian. Jacqueline Hayes, club president, is honorary chairwoman.

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Kristina Candido Enters Miss Mass. Teen Pageant

Miss Kristina Candido, daughter of Jo-Anne & Dominic Candido of Ley Street, Agawam, has been selected as an entrant in the 1988 Miss Massachusetts Teen All-American Pageant to be held in the Grand Ballroom of the Westborough Marriott on Saturday and Sunday, July 16th and 17th.

This event will select Massachusetts' representative to the 11th Annual Miss Teen All-American Pageant staged at the luxurious Sheraton Bal Harbour Resort on world-famous Miami Beach.

Miss Candido, who was selected as an entrant-at-large, will be competing with young women from all over the Bay State for the title of Miss Massachusetts Teen All-American 1988.

Miss Candido's sponsors to the 1988 Miss Massachusetts Teen All-American Pageant are E.B.'s Restaurant, Jeannette's Cleaners, Partners Restaurant, Sharpe & Wiley, Country Flowers & Gift Shop, The Korner Flower Shop, Casa Di Lisa, Dancer's Closet, Letalien Jewelers, LPS Enterprises.



KRISTINA CANDIDO

Club Available For Collectors Of Avon Products In Agawam

For those who are interested, there is a club for Avon collectors. The National Association of Avon Collectors is an organization solely devoted to the hobby of collecting Avon products. Available through the N.A.A.C. is a monthly newsletter to keep members informed of Avon Collector activities around the country and *Handbook/Price Guide to Avon Collectibles*, featuring over 13,000 Avon Products. (The N.A.A.C. Newsletter and the *Handbook/Price Guide* are private publications and are not affiliated with Avon Products, Inc. in any way).

For further information regarding club membership and subscription prices for the collectors' newsletter and price guide, please write to: National Association of Avon Collectors, Department A, P.O. Box 398, New Lenox, Illinois 60451.

Submitted as a service by Rita I. Bluteau, Avon representative, Agawam.

Trinity Methodist Church Sets Food 'N Fun Festival

Trinity United Methodist Church, 361 Sumner Avenue, Springfield, is pleased to host guest carillonneur, Geert D'hollander, as part of its Carillon Food 'n Fun Festival, Thursday, July 21st, at 7:00 p.m.

Mr. D'hollander has served as city carillonneur in St-Niklaas and Antwerp and currently is assistant carillonneur in Ghent, Belgium. He is founder and conductor of a chamber choir in St-Niklaas and will be performing in Vienna this fall.

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Obituaries

Dorothy Doolittle

Dorothy (Winn) Doolittle of 1100 River Road, Agawam, professor of French literature at Mount Holyoke College from 1929 to 1941, died in Baystate Medical Center, Springfield.

Born in Thomaston, Connecticut, she lived in Boston and Springfield before moving to Agawam in 1934.

She attended Thomaston High School and was graduated Phi Beta Kappa from Mount Holyoke College in 1924. She did graduate work at Bryn Mawr College in Pennsylvania and at the Sorbonne in Paris and the University of Dijon, receiving her doctorate from Bryn Mawr.

She was a member of the Springfield Mount Holyoke Club, the Modern Language Association, American Association of University Women, Springfield Women's Club, and the Arts Club.

She was also an elected representative for Agawam town meetings.

She leaves her husband, Dr. Lawrence H. Doolittle; a son, Jerome B. of Meriden, New Hampshire, and two grandchildren.

There was a graveside service in Hillside Cemetery, Thomaston. Curran-Jones West Springfield Funeral Home was in charge. Memorial contributions may be made to Mount Holyoke College, South Hadley, 01075-1489.

John J. Buck

John J. Buck, 68, of 65 Hall Street, Feeding Hills, a retired 10-year custodian at Hampden County Hall of Justice, died in Baystate Medical Center, Springfield. He previously worked at the Titeflex Company, Springfield, and the former Crompton and Knowles Company. He retired in 1985.

Born in Springfield, he had lived in Feeding Hills for 35 years. He was an Army veteran of World War II and a member of the Disabled American Veterans. He was a communicant of Sacred Heart Church.

He leaves his wife, the former Theresa J. Silvestri; two daughters, Jacqueline Szymczyk and Donna Gogal, both of Feeding Hills; a brother, Donald of Kentucky, and two grandchildren.

The funeral was at Colonial Funeral Home, Agawam, and in the church with burial in Springfield Street Cemetery.

Mabel T. Scully

Mabel T. (Collins) Scully, 92, of Lawnwood Street, Agawam, a retired bookkeeper for Walter Wittum Printing Company of Springfield, died in a local nursing home. She retired in 1968.

Born in Springfield, she had lived in Agawam for 15 years. She was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church. She was the widow of William Scully, who died in 1949.

She leaves a son, George Long of Sanbornton, New Hampshire; two daughters, Patricia Blakeborough of Agawam and Mavis Svec of Cocoa, Florida; a brother, C. Floyd Collins of Springfield; nine grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

There was a private funeral at Curran-Jones Agawam Chapels with burial in Hillcrest Park Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to any charity.

Rotary Presents Youth Leadership Award



AGAWAM Rotary last week hosted a fellow Rotarian from Northern Ireland at its weekly meeting. From left - member Ray Pieczarka, member John Magovern, Dr. Dennis O'Hara, pathologist, Royal Victoria Hospital, Belfast, and Jack Magovern, member. In photo below, Elizabeth Korza was this year's Agawam Rotary representative at the Rotary District 789's weekend conference on leadership skills at Western New England College. Elizabeth received a "Youth Leadership Award." Presenting the scholarship is Rotary President Donald Morris. Looking on is Elizabeth's mother, Nancy Gravel. Advertiser News

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PAT CINCOTTA of Cincotta Farms in Feeding Hills says the lack of rain in this area is the worst she's seen in many years. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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ENJOYING THE FRUITS OF THEIR LABORS - Michael Polakow and his sister, Joanna, taste the delicious red berries at Provin Mountain Farms on North West Street, Feeding Hills. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



FAMOUS LOCAL farmer Noel Brown, owner and operator of Provin Mountain Farms, Feeding Hills, checks-out his irrigation system as the weather takes another turn towards heat, heat, and more heat.

Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Greater Springfield Realtors Offer Tips For Keeping Kids Safe During Summer Months

Toddlers can be a real joy whether they're your own children or a niece, nephew, or grandchild. And now that summertime is here, make sure you are fully prepared for their upcoming visit by child-proofing your home. The Greater Springfield Board of Realtors has a few safety suggestions so your house will be ready to cope with a young child's never-ending curiosity. Make sure you check the following areas to prevent accidents or injuries.

Cabinets—Lock away such dangerous substances as detergents, bleaches, solvents, polishers and other cleaning supplies to prevent poisoning. If firearms are in the house, they should be in a securely locked cabinet along with other dangerous items. Keep all medicines and cosmetics out of reach and in the original containers with child-proof caps.

Kitchen—Again, lock up all household cleaners and place knives high on the wall in an enclosed knife rack. Remember that children can turn on faucets and scald themselves. The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends parents adjust their water heater so water temperature cannot exceed 120 degrees Fahrenheit.

Stairs—Gates can only be temporary barriers to keep children from using stairs. Some toddlers learn to climb over them. The traditional accordion gates are particularly easy to master. Buy sturdier gates of plastic or solid wood frame models that are strung with polyethylene mesh to provide a more effective barrier.

Electric Fixtures—Dangling electric cords are

fascinating playthings for children. Buy cord shorteners at a hardware store. These are strips of plastic around which the excess cord is wrapped. Cords that are thin or frayed should be replaced immediately. Buy small flat covers for outlets not in use to prevent children from inserting their fingers or other objects.

Outdoors—Outdoor swimming pools and ponds are very inviting to children, and dangerous as well. Some localities require that a protective barrier such as a fence be put around pools to keep out small children. Make sure at all times that there is adequate supervision when children are playing in an area near a body of water.

In addition, close bathroom doors to keep children from entering and perhaps climbing and slipping into the bathtub. Tack down rugs to prevent falls and pick up small objects that may be swallowed. While plants are beautiful to look at, some are poisonous and could be fatal if eaten by a child. Keep them safely out of reach. Lastly, never let young children play in the garage, attic, or basement. There are too many hazards, such as tools and paints, which could lead to serious injury.

Children are inquisitive by nature and are eager to learn what things feel, smell, and taste like. By following the above tips from the Greater Springfield Board of Realtors, you can peacefully enjoy your summer by safely allowing the children in your home to investigate the fun world around them.

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Tuesday, July 12th
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Agawam Public Library
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Tuesday, July 12th
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Captain Charles Leonard House
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Planning 50th Anniversary



THE ABOVE MEMBERS OF THE Catholic Women's Club are planning for this fall's 50th celebration of the founding of the Catholic Women's Club. Pictured, from left -Penny DeForge, chairwoman; Carolyn Capitanio, Ann O'Keefe, and Adelle Gallano, co-chairwomen. Watch for upcoming editions of *The Advertiser News* for further details. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Father's Day Coloring Winners



FIRST GRADERS FROM the four elementary schools in Agawam took part in the Agawam Junior Women's Club's Annual Father's Day Coloring Contest. Winners pictured above are Robin Przybyla (first), Rick Tessier, and Christopher Fennyery. Junior Women's Club coordinator Ellen Janik is pictured behind the youngsters. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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The U.S.S. Agawam During The Second World War

Although we do not yet have enough data on hand to establish a complete record of the second naval ship named after the town, we do have sufficient material to clarify a brief history of the U.S.S. Agawam II.

Thanks to resident Dan Lacienski, we were able to verify certain factual information concerning the vessel from the records of the "Dictionary of United States Naval History." We shall present this material in the hope that the near future will provide a more complete background as to the final history of this ship.

For a complete and accurate description of this vessel, we must once again refer to the U.S. Naval Dictionary, Vol. I (1959): "The second Agawam (AOG-6) was launched 6 May 1943 by Cargill, Inc., Savage, Minn.; sponsored by Mrs. George F. Jacobs, wife of Commander Jacobs, USNR; commissioned 18 December 1943, Lieutenant J.W. Foster, U.S.N.R., in command; and reported to Service Force, Pacific Fleet.

"Reporting to Service Squadron 8 in February 1944, Agawam operated in logistic support of the various bases in the Solomon Islands until January 1945. Between February and March 1945 she carried fuel between Manila, Subic Bay, and Lingayen Gulf. On 1 April 1945, Agawam was released on loan to the Army.

"Between September and October 1945, she operated in support of the occupation of Japan and then departed for China..."

At this point our source of information ceased! However, we were able to conclude certain basic facts relative to The Agawam II through outside sources.

Speculation Via Research

Apparently, the U.S.S. Agawam was an auxiliary naval vessel assigned to both land/sea forces during Admiral Halsey's outstanding accomplishments to drive the Japanese forces from the South Pacific Islands. Indeed, this man's accomplishments in fulfilling his duties must go down in naval history as a credit to United States sea prowess.

According to the description given us by William Anthes, chief petty officer, retired, USN/USNR, of Springfield, the letters AOG refer to the naval description

"Auxiliary Oiler-Gasoline."

This description coincides with that of the naval dictionary in stating that The Agawam "operated in logistic support" and, "she carried fuel..."

A quick referral to "The New Webster's Dictionary," Delair Publishing Company, 1976, reveals the term "logistics" is defined as: "The branch of military science concerned with the procurement, transportation, maintenance, and supply of troops, equipment, and facilities."

Armed with this information, we referred to our old 1940 copy of *The Bluejackets' Manual* for a more specific description of the vessel in question: "Type classification: Auxiliary; Class: Oiler."

Obviously, The Agawam II was a support vessel of both land and sea forces.

As to actual size of The Agawam, we can only compare it with the flush-deck type destroyer having a length of 310 feet, whereas The Agawam's length is given at 310'9". Obviously, The Agawam II was not as well-armed, but certainly easily victimized by air/sub surface attacks, especially since it would be laden with explosive supply fuel.

In any respect, and regardless of the fact that The Agawam II was an auxiliary vessel, it remains that the ship did indeed participate in the land/sea efforts to

seize back the Philippine Islands during one of history's most dramatic sea expeditions.

Apart from the foregoing information, we must admit that little else is known concerning either vessel. Yet the fact remains that Agawam I and II were clearly named after a town and river in Massachusetts. That these two naval vessels carried the name of our town is without question.

The question remains as to whatever happened to these ships following their service? Without doubt, the first vessel has long departed, while the second ship might very well be among the "mothball" fleet rotting away in some secluded bay or harbor.

A Proper Memorial

All facts considered we must ask the question: "Wouldn't it be appropriate should our town dedicate a proper memorial to the two ships so named?"

Afterall, how often will one find a town and river named after the first native inhabitants of this great nation? Perhaps further inquiry will answer our question as to the final resignation of The U.S.S. Agawam and accordingly, the proper authorities might fulfill a lasting tribute to both ships, its crew members, our first inhabitants (Agawam Indians), and the countless men who have served our country in time of need as country boys from Agawam and Feeding Hills, down through the years.



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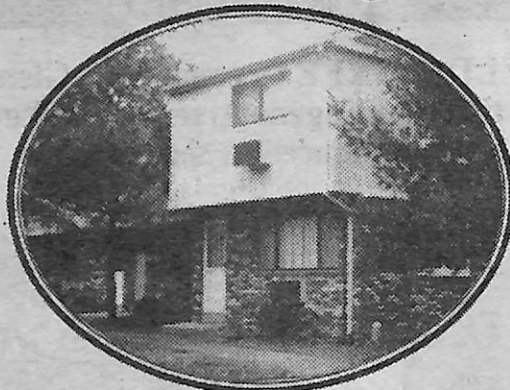
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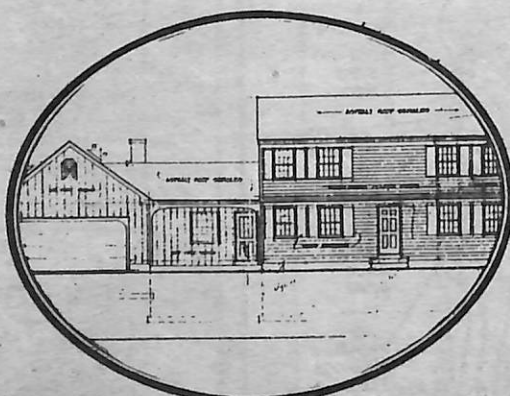
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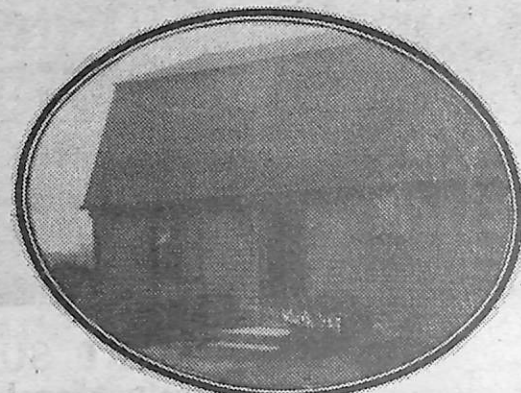
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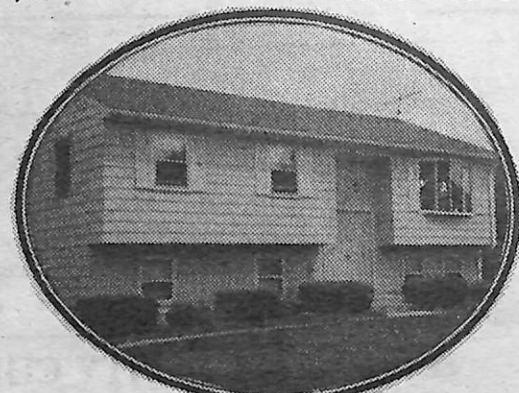
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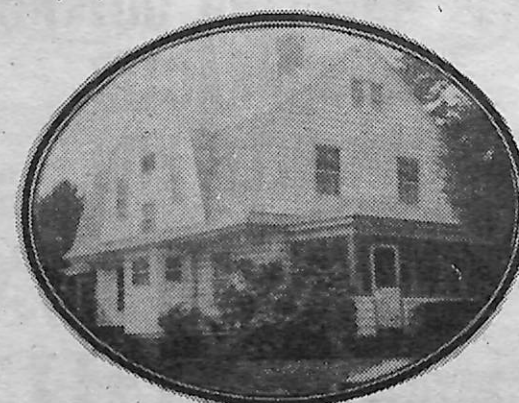
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Which Way To The Treasure?, Saturday, July 16th, from 1:30 to 4:00 p.m. Here's your chance to learn compass skills and then put them to use to search out a hidden treasure with the help of a pirate map. This program is designed for children ages seven and up in the company of an adult. The fees for the program are \$5.50 for Massachusetts Audubon members, and \$7.50 for non-members and includes a treasure for each participant.

A Walk Into Twilight, Saturday, August 19th, 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. Twilight is a fascinating time to explore the woods and fields of Laughing Brook. As some animals bed down, others are just becoming active. Discover how to tell the temperature by listening to insects and search the treetops for bats. Fees for the program are \$3 for Massachusetts Audubon members, and \$4 for non-members.

Also, for pre-schoolers is **Mini-Camp For Mini-Campers**, scheduled for three Saturdays, July 9th, 16th, and 23rd. Session I takes place from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, and Session II is from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Mini-camp is a sampling of indoor and outdoor activities selected from our popular day camp program for older children. Participants must be 3½ to 5 years-old. Fees for the three sessions are \$15 for Massachusetts Audubon members, and \$20 for non-members.

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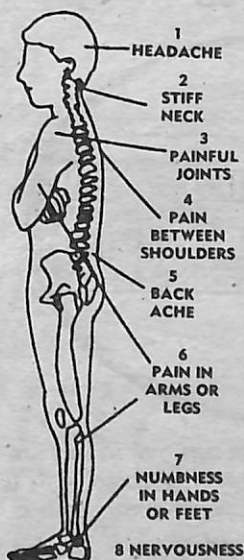
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Heritage Hall Nursing Home News & Activities

I Remember by Hazel Southworth

"In all my travels, my three visits to historical Williamsburg, Virginia, stand out the most. After a visit to this historical site, you can't help being proud to be an American.

There are many settlements of early American buildings that are not only beautiful, but educational. Williamsburg, Virginia is where it all began. This is the very ground our founding fathers walked on. The buildings that we toured are the ones that they lived, worked, and worshipped in.

The Visitor's Center is located off the grounds. It is very modern. In this building, visitors view a film entitled, "The Making of a Patriot." In the film, the Virginians must decide whether they should join "those troublemakers" in Boston. It takes a little getting used to, being called "the troublemakers" throughout the film!

Entering Williamsburg directly from the Visitor's Center, you are confronted with life as it was for our founding fathers. Ladies and gentlemen in colonial costume ride in horse-drawn coaches. They have access to the original houses with beautifully landscaped colonial flower and vegetable gardens.

We visited Williamsburg in late winter, flowering springtime and during the height of fall foliage. All three seasons are beautiful, and I understand that Christmas is also a very lovely time of year."

I Remember by Mary Mariano

"Do you remember the amusement park at Nantasket Beach? I do!

My little family, my husband and my two daughters, Jane and Helen, lived in Boston. We had a summer place at Nantasket Beach. The girls and I enjoyed our cottage all summer long. My husband joined us on weekends when his work permitted.

The water was always so cold at the beach, but that never stopped us from enjoying it. At the amusement park the girls loved to play all the games of chance. Stuffed animals were usually given out as prizes. Jane and Helen were always thrilled when they won. They were both very lucky, they won often.

It seemed to me that we must have carried home thousands of them over the summers! Yes, I remember Nantasket Beach!"

EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH!

Priscilla Furioni

Priscilla Furioni has been chosen as "Employee of the Month" for June. She has been employed at Heritage Hall since May 3rd, 1982. Priscilla started in West Building as a Nurse's Aide and transferred to North Building in August 1982.

Priscilla is very concerned and attentive to residents' needs, takes pride in her work and maintains an excellent attitude toward the facility, other staff members and families as well. She is always doing the little "extras" for the residents' comfort and well-being.

Congratulations, Priscilla, on being "Employee of the Month!"

Tribute To An Elderly Man

There's a place in Agawam which I work. It's a place that has many people that would touch every individual's heart. All the elderly I take care of have a

uniqueness of their own. In this nursing home, there are some very special people.

There is this short man who's name is Ed,
That wore black glasses that fell from his head,
He talks of his son who is six feet tall,
His son looks down watching him walk down the hall,
Ed's cigars are lit up all thru the day,
And don't try to take his cigars away,
When you call his name he's sure to frown,
He'll walk right by and never make a sound.

There is a strange man who we all call Bill,
The way he acts we all think he's a pill,
He's a man who likes to sleep day and night
Try to wake him up and he'll put up a fight,
When he's awake he very much likes to eat,
And he's very sure to eat all his meat,
His wife drops by and says a warm hello,
To her strange husband and all his fellows.

Mr. Johnson was a dear man to his wife,
Cause she was the most precious thing in his life,
They always walked hand and hand down the halls,
There are many pictures of them on the walls,

Now that Mrs. J. has passed away,
Mister J. thinks of her every day.
They were a couple I never forgot,
Because of the nice things that they taught.

Elsie is one who amazes us all,
She's 98 and walks without one fall,
Her thoughts lie on her late husband Howard,
She's small, fragile and sweet, but no coward,
A smile she'll put on your face when you're down,
She waits for a bus hoping to be found,
Confused she may be but loved by all,
When you meet her you will think she's a doll.

Dorice is a patient you'll want to squeeze,
Her smile is sweet but you know she's out to tease,
She sleeps with stuffed animals every night,
She is one woman who's not hard to please,
One thing for sure she doesn't like to freeze,
She's one kind woman that reaches your heart,
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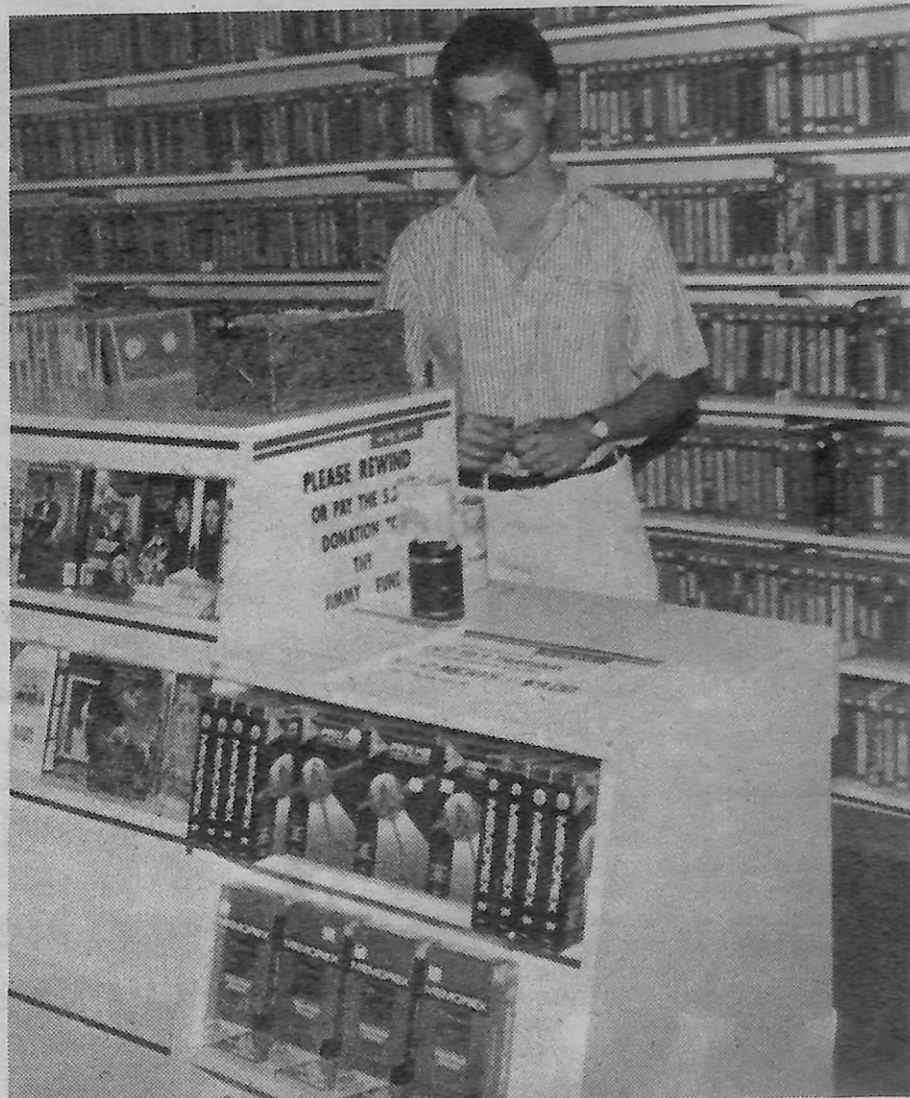
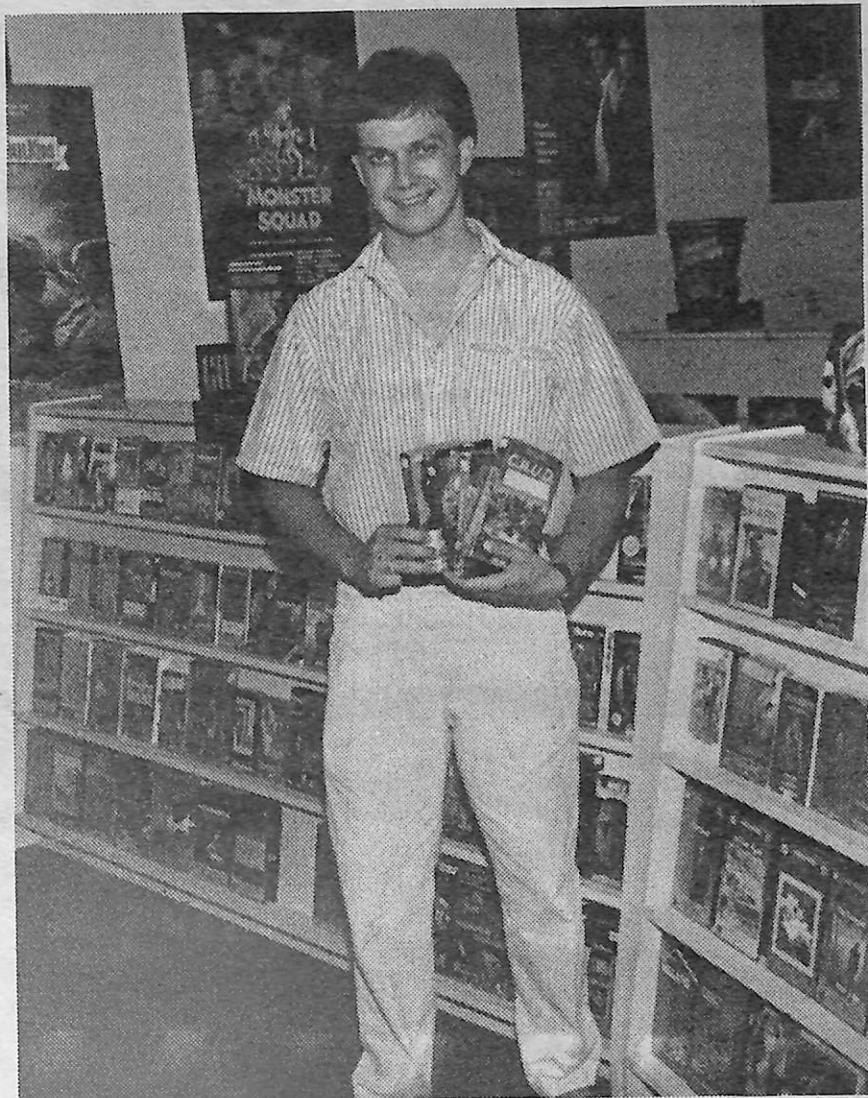
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*Spotlight On Business...***Movie Shops Superstores Making Hit In Agawam**

MATTHEW COLLINS, vice-president of marketing for The Movie Shops Superstores chain, with a location in Agawam at the Southgate Shopping Center, is all smiles during the store's recent month-long one-year anniversary celebration. (RELATED PHOTO ON PAGE 18). Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

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*Spotlight On Business - continued...***Attorney Pat Hebert
Relocates Office**

On June 4th, Attorney Patricia M. Hebert relocated her law offices into more spacious quarters within the DePalma/Pacella complex, Community Shops, at 1325 Springfield Street. The expanded facilities are within the same building she has occupied since January 1986, and were a necessary improvement for her rapidly growing firm.

Attorney Hebert, who concentrates her practice in the areas of divorce litigation, family law, and motor vehicle accidents, oversees the management of the entire corporation. She was formerly a law partner with Attorney Joseph A. Pacella.

Attorney Hebert obtained her doctorate in law from Suffolk University in Boston in 1980 and a bachelor of science degree, majoring in Criminology, from Florida State University. She is a member of the Hampden County, Hampshire County, and Westfield Bar Association, and Massachusetts Bar Association.

Attorney Hebert has taught many courses in paralegal studies both at Elms College and The Institution for Paralegal Studies at Springfield College from 1980-1987, including Family Law, Criminal Law, and Legal Research.

Additionally she is serving as the Agawam Town Prosecutor, a position she has held since July 1986, and in 1987 she successfully completed the Basic Course for Reserve/Intermittent Police Officers.

A member of the Agawam Chamber of Commerce since November 1985, Attorney Hebert is now serving her second term on the Chamber's Board of Directors and is presently Membership Chairwoman. In this regard, she invites any new businesses interested in obtaining information to membership in the Agawam Chamber of Commerce to contact her for further information.

Attorney Hebert resided in Agawam for five years, and is presently living in Westfield.

Attorney Steven L. Harvey has been associated with Attorney Hebert for three years. He concentrates his area of law practice on criminal law, appellate review, child abuse, and care and protection cases. He graduated from University of Utah College of Law in 1984. He is a member of the Massachusetts Bar Association, Hampden County Bar Association, Hampden County Bar Advocates, and National Lawyers Guild. He was admitted to the United States

One-Year Anniversary For Movie Shops

THE MOVIE SHOPS SUPER STORES in the Southgate Shopping Plaza, Agawam, is celebrating its one-year anniversary. Many in-store specials were on tap throughout the month of June, along with everyday low prices and good service. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

District Court in 1986.

Both Attorney Harvey and Attorney Hebert have received commendations for their public service to low income people in the community.

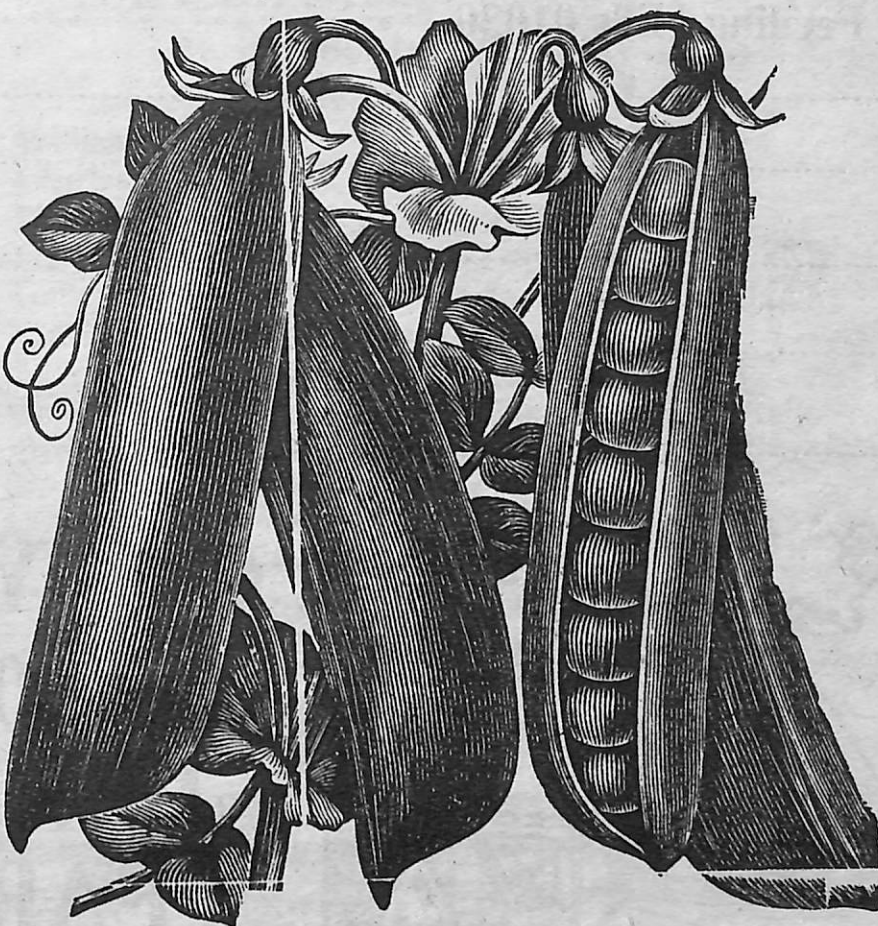
Attorney George A. Hellquist has been associated with Attorney Hebert since 1986. A resident of Feeding Hills for 33 years, Attorney Hellquist taught management and marketing at East Connecticut State University, and production management and industrial relations in the graduate program of business administration at Western New England College. He has received his bachelor's degree in Sociology from Boston University, a master of business administration from American

International College, and a juris doctor from Western New England College School of Law. Attorney Hellquist has been admitted to practice law in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and is a member of the American Bar Association, Massachusetts Bar Association, and Hampden County Bar Association.

Additional office staff include Cara Nichols, office manager and legal assistant; Jane Alaimo, staff secretary; and Linda Murphy, receptionist; and Jennifer Bleau of Agawam, who is a student at Agawam High School, currently employed as part-time help this summer.

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Spotlight On Business - continued...

JOHN A. MERCADANTE

John Mercadante Named "Associate Of The Year"

John A. Mercadante, a 33-year associate member of the Home Builders Association of Greater Springfield and this year's Third Vice-President, was named the 1988 "Associate of the Year" by the Home Builders Association of Massachusetts at the State's Annual Meeting and Banquet, Saturday, June 25th, at the Westin Hotel in Boston. John's outstanding contributions to our association and to the betterment of the entire home building industry earned him this well deserved and distinguished honor.

Mercadante is an Energy Consultant for Northeast Utilities, Western Mass. Electric Company. In his 33 years of membership with our association, John has served as chairman, often holding that position for several years, of every function that our association sponsors, including the prestigious Original Western Mass. Home Show which he chaired in 1986.

In 1973 John was one of 10 people recognized nationwide for the Distinguished Salesman's Award from the Sales and Marketing Executives International Society. John has served as committeeman to the town of Feeding Hills' School Building Committee, was president of the Agawam Lions Club, and is presently a director of the Agawam Chamber of Commerce, director of UNICO, and director of L. John Schinelli Renal Assistance Fund.

Mercadante is married to the former Mary Barcomb and they have two grown sons. He makes his home in Agawam.

Big Y Foods Promotes James Dyjak To Ag. Manager

Big Y Foods, Inc. recently announced the promotion of James Dyjak to Store Manager of their Agawam store. Dyjak is preceded by Peter Iellamo, who after more than 25 years of service with Big Y has retired.

Dyjak started his 10 year career with Big Y as a part-time dairy clerk and has since held several positions including Dairy Manager, Assistant Grocery Manager, Grocery Manager, and Assistant Store Manager. Because of his overall diversified training, Dyjak feels comfortable and confident with his new role and credits his success to the fact that "Big Y affords individuals the opportunity of personal growth and obtaining goals in a professional manner."

Dyjak will be responsible for overseeing Big Y's total store operations, establishing and maintaining sales goals, participating and supervising merchandising activities, and also provide personnel with training and self-development opportunities.

Dyjak attended American International College and graduated in 1981 with a bachelor's degree in Management.

Dyjak resides with his family in Ludlow. In his spare time, he enjoys golfing.

A NEW Restaurant In Feeding Hills Is Open
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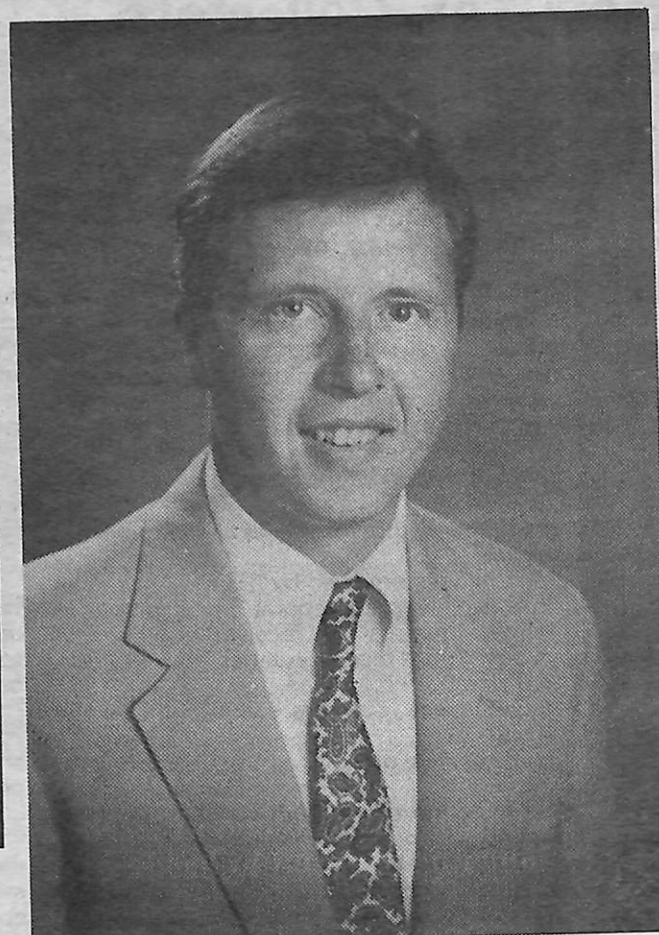
JAMES T. CLIFFORD

James T. Clifford Appointed Adm. At Ring Nursing-East

Matthew J. Leahey, president of Ring Nursing Homes, Inc., recently announced the appointment of James T. Clifford as administrator of the new Ring Nursing Home-East. The new 120 bed multi-level facility located at 215 Bicentennial Highway in Springfield, is scheduled to open in September.

Clifford previously served as administrator of Kendall Commons, a Springfield long-term care facility owned by Genesis Health Ventures of Kennett Square, Pennsylvania.

He is a 1970 graduate of West Virginia Wesleyan College and is both a Massachusetts licensed nursing home administrator and certified social worker. Jim and his family reside in Agawam.



MICHAEL J. OLESAK

Michael Oleksak Promoted At Vanguard Bank

Michael J. Oleksak, commercial loan officer at Vanguard Bank, has been promoted to assistant vice-president.

Oleksak received a bachelor's degree from Bryant College in Rhode Island and a master's degree in business administration from Western New England College. He previously was a commercial loan officer at Multibank National of Western Massachusetts.

Oleksak resides in Agawam with his wife, Rita, and their two children.

Former Agawam Resident Promoted By Vermont Bank

Joan C. Nowill has been promoted to assistant vice president, personal credit administrative officer at First Vermont Bank.

Her responsibilities include assisting the senior personal credit officer, and supervising the personal credit functions in nine field offices, plus the central collections and central dealer departments.

Ms. Nowill joined First Vermont in 1984 as personal

credit officer trainee and was promoted to assistant treasurer, personal credit administration in 1986. She also worked at Cheshire County Savings Bank in Keene for seven years.

A graduate of Agawam High School, she received a diploma in fundamentals of banking from the American Institute of Banking in 1987.

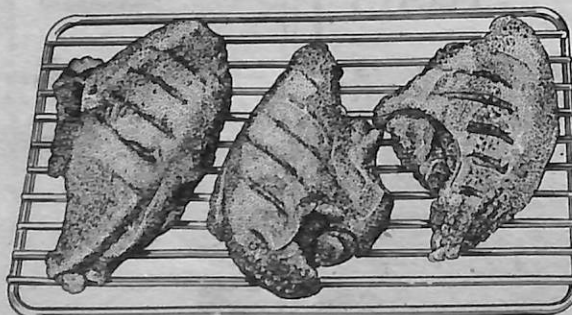
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How Tax Collectors Monitor Your Return

Q. Is it true if I get called for a tax examination, I may wind up in jail?

A. A tax examination is simply a review of some specified parts of your tax return. IRS asks for substantiation of items that appear on your return and you should be able to provide such substantiation from your records. Some examinations result in "no change" or additional refunds for taxpayers, and many result in additional tax being assessed. If you do not agree with the result of the examination, you have the right to appeal the examining officer's decision. Only those persons who are guilty of willingly and knowingly refusing to pay or defrauding the government of taxes owed need worry about the possibility of criminal prosecution.

Q. Does the IRS really have a way of knowing if what I report is correct?

A. The computer system used by IRS matches most wage, dividend, and interest reports. For example, if you forgot to report interest you received on your savings account, you could receive a letter from IRS asking about your unreported income.

Q. Do IRS employees receive a commission on the money collected?

A. IRS employees, like other government employees, work on a salaried basis. The amount of money they collect has no effect on the amount of their pay.

Q. Does the IRS give out salary information from tax returns to other agencies?

A. The Internal Revenue Service asks for tax return information to carry out the Internal Revenue laws of the United States. It is used to figure and collect the right amount of tax. Information that is supplied on a return is kept confidential. For example, salary information is not available to creditors. Some other federal agencies, such as the Department of Justice, may obtain certain information as provided by law. States, the District of Columbia, and U.S. commonwealths or possessions may also receive federal tax information to carry out their tax laws.

Q. Is using my correct social security number all that important? After all, my name and address are on the return.

A. The correct social security number is that important—it is the principle means of identifying taxpayers. However, if there is a problem with your social security number—you're not sure of it, or you lost your card and don't remember the number—only the Social Security Administration, not IRS, can issue the correct number or verify the accuracy of the one that you believe is yours.

Q. Does it really matter which social security number appears first on a joint return?

A. Yes, it is very important to show the social security number in the same order you show first names. Failure to list them in that order can result in a delay in processing the return.

"Futures Market" For Aggressive

by Catherine M. Sypek
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This year, more than \$2 billion will be invested in the futures market and many aggressive investors will choose futures funds as a sensible way to diversify their portfolios and participate in a dynamic global market. Many investors have learned these funds offer a special combination of potential return and limited risk.

If you are thinking of investing in a futures fund, you should know what they are, what risks to expect and what fees you might pay. My clients often ask me the following questions:

Q. What is a futures fund?

A. A futures fund is a way an investor can participate in a wide variety of financial commodity markets. It offers potential for substantial gain without taking on many of the significant risks often associated with speculative commodity trading.

Q. How are futures funds structured?

A. Futures funds are structured as limited partnerships where your losses and liability are limited to the amount you actually invest.

Q. What do futures funds invest in?

A. A futures fund can invest in many of the markets that influence the direction of today's stock and bond markets. These funds often invest in the traditional commodity markets such as agricultural products, precious metals and energy (e.g., oil and gasoline). Trading in these markets often allows an investor to participate in trends that can run counter cyclical to a declining stock market. This diversification can be beneficial for the traditional portfolio.

Futures funds also invest in the financial markets such as foreign currencies (e.g., the yen and the deutschmark), as well as instruments sensitive to short- and long-term interest rates and to the direction of various stock market indexes.

Q. Who manages the trading in a futures fund?

A. As the limited partnership structure of a futures fund limits the risk of trading in commodities, the use

of a professional commodity trading adviser (CTA) to manage the money may enhance the potential for returns.

Successful commodity trading requires a full-time commitment to these fast-moving markets. The CTA analyzes markets, develops sophisticated trading systems, invests the fund's assets, monitors positions, and determines when to take a profit or limit a loss.

A fund's assets can be traded by one adviser or allocated among a group of advisers each trading a portion of these assets with his or her own system.

Q. What is the minimum investment?

A. For most funds, you may invest as little as \$5,000. ERISA plan accounts—IRA and KEOGH plans—may invest as little as \$2,000. A portion of the assets also earn interest, an important source of income that helps defray management fees which are generally 4 percent-6 percent of net assets. In addition, incentive fees are paid when the fund makes money. Those fees generally range from 10 percent to 20 percent of profits for most public funds. Commissions are an additional expense.

Also, many funds these days have a fixed-fee structure that combines management and brokerage expenses into one net amount eliminating unexpected charges to your equity if the account is particularly active one month.

Q. Who should invest?

A. Futures transactions generally involve substantial risk and are not for everyone. If you have built a solid portfolio of investments to meet your basic financial needs and can put some risk capital to work, you might consider the futures markets and a commodity limited partnership.

Futures funds offer the investment advantage of experienced advice. If you are considering such an investment, discuss your investment objectives with your Financial Consultant to determine if a futures fund fits into your overall portfolio.

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Nurses At Risk

DEAR DR. SOBEL:

My career in nursing has been a long one so far (about 16 years). I am now at the point of calling it quits because of the pressures of the job, and the frequent tension headaches related to stress symptoms.

My relationships with my family have also suffered over the years, I feel, due to the continuing demands in my field.

I really enjoy your column and will be in attendance at the July 20th seminar in Holyoke. I'm not looking for any advice—it just feels good to "sound off"—I'm sure many colleagues of mine entered nursing for reasons they felt strong about, but so many issues take away from job satisfaction.

Dedicated Nurse, Agawam, MA.

ANSWER/COMMENTS:

I agree that nursing is facing a crisis of sorts in many areas of the country. After reading your letter several times, I got the feeling that you feel confident that you have given it all you have and it is time to "move on"—this happens and it might be the best thing for you.

The "flip-side" of this is that many times contentment and satisfaction can be generated from "within" a person and this many times helps people roll with the punches or develop a perspective of worklife that helps them cope better.

In any case, it is important to take responsibility for your happiness as I've said many times—you seem to be doing just that!

Change is often never easy, but giving yourself time to think about options and believing that you can be successful in any endeavor goes a long way in helping cope with change.

Many nurses at risk of losing enthusiasm for their work will need to weigh which way to go in their search for fulfillment, even with the economic realities that we all face!

STRESS CHECK: 1. Registration for Dr. Sobel's next seminar is in full swing. Call 785-1259 or 732-2759 for brochure and information on the July 20th (6:00 to 9:00 p.m.) session ("Prescription For Health And Success"). The seminar, by the way, is approved for 3.6 contact hours for nurses. Come join us for a great evening!

2. The saying that Dr. Sobel "preaches" often is "stress is something we learn to cope with, not cure" will help all of us remember how important it is to develop effective daily coping strategies. When one "problem" seems to disappear, our "perceptions" will allow other problems to evolve. Learn/practice stress management (mental and/or physical)? strategies today!

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South Hadley Council on Aging, 90 Woodlawn School, Tuesday, July 19th, at 9:00 a.m. For reservations, call 538-5042.

Chicopee Council on Aging, 7 Valley View Court, Wednesday, July 20th, at 9:00 a.m. For reservations, call 534-3698.

Southwick Council on Aging, College Highway, Thursday, July 21st, at 9:00 a.m. For reservations, call 569-5498.

Westfield Council on Aging, 59 Court Street, (rear of City Hall), Tuesday, July 26th, at 9:00 a.m. For reservations, call 562-6435.

Granby Council on Aging, Route 202, Wednesday, July 27th, at 9:00 a.m. For reservations, call 467-3239.

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Mercy Hospital is holding a free blood pressure screening, Tuesday, July 12th, from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m., in the Memorial House Auditorium.

A colorectal screening will be offered on Tuesday, July 12th, from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m., in the Mercy Hospital Memorial House Auditorium. American Cancer Society screening kits will be distributed and instructions explained. Fee: \$1.

Mercy Hospital is offering a free chronic obstructive pulmonary disease program (COPD) for patients and their families, Thursday, July 21st, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. The program helps individuals suffering from asthma, chronic bronchitis, or emphysema learn more about COPD and how they can better cope with their disease. The interactive nature of the group allows individuals to meet others sharing a similar situation and provides an opportunity to discuss personal feelings. Families are encouraged to attend. For registration and location, call 781-9100, extension 1610 (Respiratory Therapy Department).

A blood glucose screening program is being held at Mercy Hospital on Friday, July 29th, from 8:00 to 10:00 a.m., in the Memorial House Auditorium. Prior to the test, participants should not take food and liquid (other than water) after midnight. A donation of \$2 is requested for the testing materials.

Mercy Hospital's Anesthesia Department is offering a free educational program titled, "Everything You

Ever Wanted To Know About Anesthesia," on Tuesday, July 19th, from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m., in the third floor hospitality room. The program, open to the public, is being offered to help people alleviate common concerns and apprehension about anesthesia. Anesthesiologists will emphasize safety aspects and exhibit Mercy's state-of-the-art anesthesia equipment. A video, along with written informational material, is included.

The Amputee Support Group of the Regional Rehabilitation Center at Mercy Hospital will meet Tuesday, July 19th, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., in the Memorial House Auditorium on the Mercy campus. The program is offered to individuals in the Western Massachusetts/Northern Connecticut area who are coping with amputations.

Goals of this free program are to help amputees acquire techniques for improving self-esteem, to inform them about innovations in prosthetics, to create and implement political advocacy, and to assist amputees in obtaining an optimum quality of life. Guest speakers are planned, and family and friends of amputees are invited to attend. The building is accessible to the handicapped.

For more information, contact Edward Chastain, LICSW from the Regional Rehabilitation Center, 781-9100, extension 5407, or Joyce Garum, (203) 236-8632.

Bay State Med. Looking For Diabetics

Baystate Medical Center is looking for diabetics in Western Massachusetts to take part in some trials of new oral drugs for diabetes control.

"Not every diabetic will be eligible to take part, but those who qualify will receive about \$450 in diabetes supplies and the opportunity to use a really new diabetes drug," said Dr. Burritt L. Haag, Endocrinology chief at Baystate Medical Center.

He said Baystate is one of a limited number of diabetes centers throughout the United States that has been selected to offer clinical trials of two new oral medications.

Dr. Haag described the medications as "a new approach in conjunction with diet or insulin."

He said he is looking for diabetics who are at least 18 years-old, both men and women. "We'll ask some

further questions to see whether they qualify," Haag said. Persons interested in the study may call 784-4364, Monday through Friday, between 7:00 and 11:00 a.m.

In addition to supplies, those accepted will receive travel reimbursement to and from Baystate, instruction from a diabetes educator, including diet support and all other aspects of managing the disease.

Haag said the study is funded by contracts from Miles Laboratories worth \$600,000.

The drugs being tested slow the absorption of blood sugar in the stomach after a meal, thus blunting an increase in blood sugar after the meal, making 24-hour control possible.

Haag said there are about 6,700 diabetics in Western Massachusetts.

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Dr. Tina Ross Plans Health-Fitness Lectures In F.H. Office

Dr. Tina D. Ross, chiropractor, has recently completed her health and fitness lecture series at the Agawam Public Library.

The response was so favorable that Dr. Ross has decided to repeat the series this summer so that more people can benefit from the wealth of information given in each lecture.

The series will be given at Dr. Ross' office—Hampden County Chiropractic, in the Agawam Professional Center, 850 Springfield Street, Suite 3, Feeding Hills.

All lectures begin at 7:15 p.m.

Tuesday, July 12th—Preventing Back Injuries

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Tuesday, August 9th—Osteoporosis (Brittle Bone Disease)

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Tuesday, August 23rd—Are You What You Eat?

Food affects your behavior, mood, stamina, and general health. Dr. Ross will discuss what constitutes a healthy diet, food and healing, overeating and undereating.

Call 786-4820 for information or reservations. You must call to reserve your space. Seating is limited.

Abdow's Restaurants Helping American Red Cross

Abdow's invites everyone in the Springfield community to their tables, their blood donor tables. Abdow's Annual Blood Drive will be held from Tuesday, July 5th to Monday, July 11th, at the American Red Cross Blood Donor Center, 235 Chestnut Street, Springfield. This life-saving event will be co-sponsored by Channel 40.

Since 1984, Abdow's has sponsored a blood drive in the summer months. As a result of their efforts, approximately 3,000 units of blood have been donated during a time when the blood supply approaches low levels. Traditionally, it can be difficult to maintain an adequate supply of blood for patients in need during the months of June, July, and August. Many people have vacation plans that take them out of the area, and high school and college students are also unavailable to donate. It is important for community donors to participate in blood drives of this kind to help replenish the supply.

For more information about donor eligibility or to make a blood donation appointment, contact the American Red Cross, 737-4306. You will feel good about yourself and be glad you accepted Abdow's invitation!

Rehab Counselor Guest Of Mercy Hospital Support Group

Robert Paterwic, senior vocational rehabilitation counselor for Massachusetts Rehabilitation, Springfield, will be the guest speaker for the Mercy Hospital Regional Rehabilitation Center amputee support group, to be held Tuesday, July 19th, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., at the Memorial House Auditorium on the Mercy campus. Paterwic's topic will be "Services Provided For Vocational Rehabilitation." The topic will include payment services for prostheses and eligibility requirements.

All amputees from the Western Massachusetts/Northern Connecticut area, along with family and friends, are invited to attend. The program is free of charge.

For additional information, please contact Ed Chastain of the Regional Rehabilitation Center, 737-8153, extension 5407, or Joyce Garum, (203) 236-8632.

Sugar Level Testing At Providence Hospital

The monthly session of the Providence Hospital blood sugar level testing program is scheduled for Thursday, July 14th, from 8:00 to 10:00 a.m., in Room One of the hospital auditorium. Advanced registration is not necessary.

Mary Ellen Strzempko, R.N., C.D.E., Diabetic Teaching Nurse, stressed that those taking the test must fast from midnight the night before "so that the test will be accurate."

The program is open to the public, and a \$2 donation is asked to cover costs. Diabetics are welcome to take the test to check their sugar levels.

Persons with questions may contact Mrs. Strzempko at the hospital, 539-2938.

American Red Cross Offers July CPR Courses

The following American Red Cross courses are scheduled for July. Participants must pre-register and pre-pay either by mail or by stopping in at the Health Services Department of the Red Cross, 235 Chestnut Street, Springfield, during business hours, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. All courses will be held at the Red Cross building at 235 Chestnut Street.

Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR)/Basic Life Support—Professional Rescuers, \$25, July 12th and 14th (Tuesday and Thursday), 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; July 22nd and 29th (Friday), 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; July 26th and 28th (Tuesday and Thursday), 6:00 to 10:00 p.m.

For lifeguards, ski patrol, police, firefighters, medical personnel, and those planning to become CPR Instructors. Content includes emergency action principles, recognition and prevention of heart attack, rescue breathing, first aid for choking, and CPR skills for single and team rescues. Procedures for adult, child, and infant victims will be practiced.

Adult CPR, \$16, July 15th (Friday), 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; July 27th (Wednesday), 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.

New! Focusing on adult victims, this includes

emergency action principles, rescue breathing, first aid for choking, and single rescuer CPR skills.

Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) Review/Basic Life Support—Professional Rescuers, \$15, July 14th (Thursday), 6:00 to 10:00 p.m.; July 20th (Wednesday), 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Prerequisite: Bring a current CPR certificate to the class. Review 1987 textbooks prior to class for written and skills tests. A written and skills exam will be given.

Multimedia Standard First Aid, \$28, July 19th and 21st (Tuesday and Thursday), 6:00 to 10:00 p.m.; July 25th and 27th (Monday and Wednesday), 6:00 to 10:00 p.m.

An eight-hour course using programmed workbooks, filmed demonstrations, and practice sessions.

Advanced Lifesaving, began July 6th and being held at the Quabog Valley Community Day Camp. For more information, call 1-245-9981.

Water Safety Instructor, began July 5th and being held at the Quabog Valley Community Day Camp. For more information, call 1-245-9981. Participants must be 17 years-old or older and have current Advanced Lifesaving certification.

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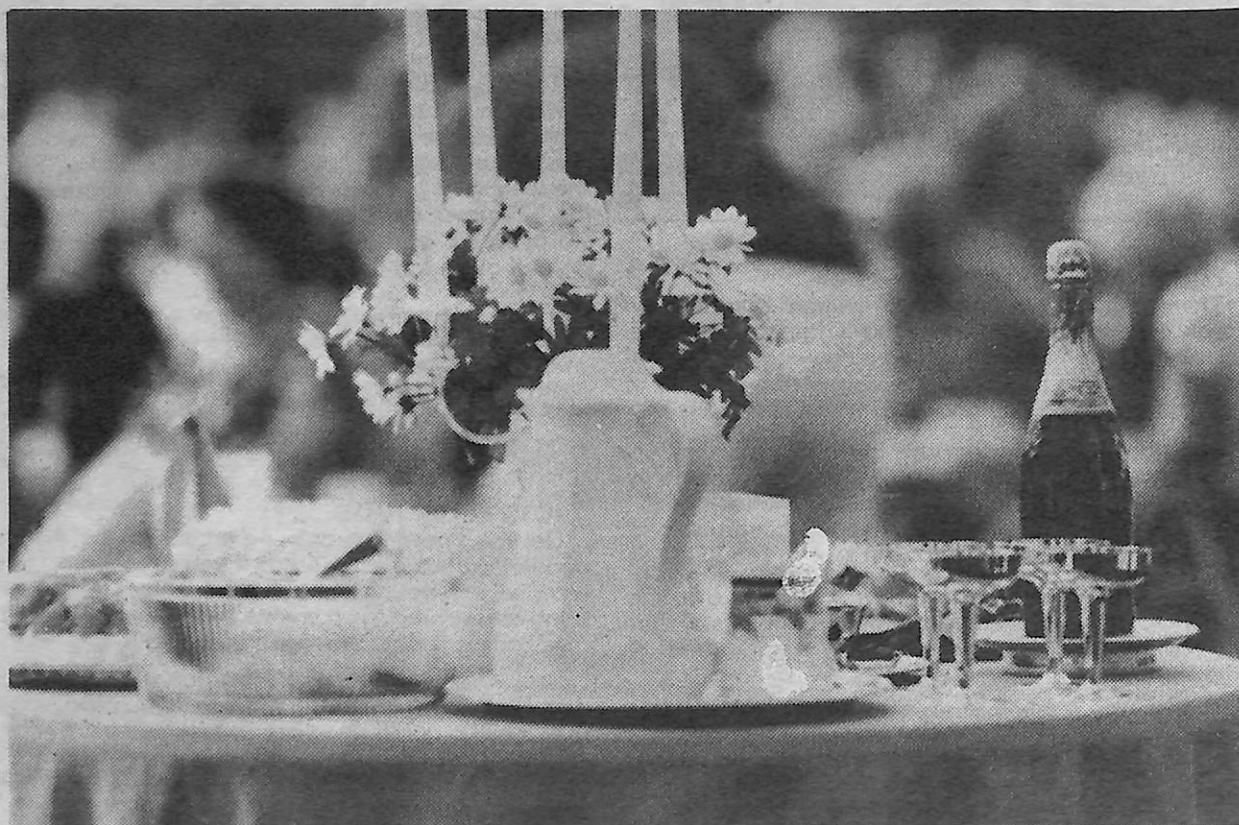
The Springfield Symphony Pops will present "A Night of Romance," Thursday, July 21st, at Stanley Park, Westfield. The concert will begin at 7:30 p.m.; in case of rain, it will be held Friday, July 22nd, at 7:30 p.m.

Guest Conductor Alasdair Neale will lead the Springfield Symphony Pops in a performance of some of the world's most romantic melodies. Highlights of the evening's music will be *Romeo and Juliet* by Piotr Il'yitch Tchaikovsky, the *Emperor Waltzes* by Johann Strauss; the "Wedding March," from *A Midsummer Night's Dream*; "What I Did For Love," from the Tony-Award winning Broadway musical, *A Chorus Line*; and the "Love Theme" from the smash movie *St. Elmo's Fire*. Neale comes to the Springfield Symphony Pops from New Haven, Connecticut, where he is Music Director of the Yale Symphony Orchestra. In addition to his work at Yale University, he is currently conductor of the Pre-College Orchestra of the Julliard School in New York City.

Concertgoers are encouraged to get into the romantic spirit of the evening by entering the Fourth Annual Summer Pops Picnic Contest. There is no charge to enter the contest; however, entrants must hold a ticket for the July 21st performance. Entrants simply need to check in at the concession tent before 6:15 p.m., to pick-up an entry form and a market flag. Prizes will be awarded for the most exotic menu, the best use of color, the best presentation, and the most romantic picnic for two.

Entries in past years have ranged from intimate candlelit picnics to theme picnics executed on a grand scale, such as "American in Paris" picnics, "M*A*S*H" picnics, and Victorian Lawn Parties.

Winners will receive one of the following prizes: a pair of subscription tickets to the Orchestra's Sunday Pops Concerts for 1988-89; a "Summer Fun Package" courtesy of WMAS Radio, which includes four tickets to Seven Seas Whale Watch, four tickets to Riverside Park, four WMAS t-shirts, and a kettle grill; a weekend for two at the Sheraton West, including dinner for two at Barclay's; a bottle of champagne courtesy of Town



A NIGHT OF ROMANCE will be presented by the Springfield Symphony as part of its summer concert series at Stanley Park, Thursday, July 21st, beginning at 7:30 p.m. Picnickers are welcome to come early and enjoy.

& Country Liquors, with a soft-sided gourmet picnic cooler courtesy of Steiger's Department Store.

Judges for the evening's contest will be Cameron Daly, general manager, Sheraton West; Mary Hurley, Springfield City Councilor; Joseph Rizza, vice president and general manager, WMAS Radio; and Carl Walts of the Westfield Rotary Club. Please call 733-0636 for additional contest information.

For those less adventurous, convenient boxed picnics may be ordered from a variety of vendors including Amy Cooks For You, Boccaccio's, Inc., Romito and Sons, and the Yankee Pedlar. Orders must be placed at least 24 hours before the concert, and will be delivered free of charge to Stanley Park. Additionally,

concertgoers may enjoy gourmet ice cream from Peterjon's Ice Cream of Feeding Hills. Owner Peter Ancelli has created a special "Symphony Sundae" for the Summer Pops Season.

Concert tickets are \$12 for seating and \$8 for the lawn. Ticket information plus a free brochure and picnic guide are available at the Springfield Symphony Orchestra Offices, 31 Elm Street, Springfield; the Greater Westfield Chamber of Commerce, 166 Elm Street, Westfield; the Stanhome Offices at 333 Western Avenue, Westfield, or by calling 733-2291. Senior citizen and children's discounts available. For group ticket information, contact Amy Porter, 733-0636.

Riverside Park Offers Nice Wages For Summer Help

Riverside is actively seeking people with the "right stuff" to fill its full and part-time summer openings at New England's Largest Amusement Park.

The biggest show in the area occurs each day this summer in Agawam at Riverside Park, and they're looking for a few good people to be part of the "production" this season. Riverside is a unique place to work that it takes special, friendly people working with the public as well as behind the scenes to provide a

quality experience to its guests. Available positions include EMT's, tellers, landscapers, security officers, grounds crew, ride operators, games operators, retail/merchandise clerks, food service cooks, ticket sellers, and live show performers. Each job provides the employees with valuable skills and work experience that will last a lifetime.

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parking, discounted employee meals, free passes for each employee and family, flexible work schedules, parties and social events, advancement opportunities, extensive training, and an exciting work environment.

Anyone interested in joining the Riverside family team can stop by the Personnel Office any day between 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. For more information, call 786-9300.

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Cruising

There's an air of excitement when boarding an ocean liner for the first time that's hard to describe. The anticipation of the week to come and the thrill of seeing the cruise ships lined up at the pier are part of the package when you book a cruise.

I recently had the opportunity to relive those feelings when I spent a weekend in Miami inspecting Carnival Cruise Lines ships the "Celebration," "Jubilee," and "Holiday." It's been six years since my last cruise and as I boarded the ship, I realized it's been **too** long!

Myself and 300 other travel agents from all over the U.S. and Canada converged on Miami as guests of Carnival Cruise Lines and I must say, "I'm impressed."

Celebration—The newest of the super liners entered service in March 1987. The 47,262-ton ship has Italian officers, an international service staff, individually-controlled central air conditioning, closed circuit T.V. (on which you may watch first-run movies), three outdoor pools, deck sports, two dining rooms, three meals a day plus snacks and a midnight buffet, lounges, two shows nightly, casino, electronic game room, shopping mall, health spa, hairdresser and barber shop, and an infirmary with a doctor and nurse.

Jubilee—Entered service in July 1986. She is identical in structure to the "Celebration" and has the same facilities.

Holiday—Entered service in July 1985. At 46,052 tons, she's just a bit smaller and she also has the same facilities.

Although the facilities are the same on all the ships, the decor is quite different. The "Celebration" is art deco; the "Jubilee," Victorian; and the "Holiday," futuristic. The public rooms all have a different theme that is carried out from carpeting to ceiling.

The "OZ" disco on the "Jubilee" is in brilliant green (i.e. Emerald City). It looked great during the day and at night with the lights flashing it must be spectacular. The "Blue Lagoon" lounge on the "Holiday," giving the feeling of being underwater, was great and I liked the "Bistro" on the "Celebration." It has the atmosphere of a sidewalk cafe with beautiful hanging stained glass lamps.

There's something to do from dawn to dawn and the "Funships" certainly do look like great fun! Rates start at \$995 per person for a cabin with a lower and upper berth, including air from Bradley Field. The rates vary from season to season and we have group rates for selected sailing dates. Also ask me about guaranteed rates which are available on certain sailing dates.

JOTS FROM JULIE:

Do you know that only 4 percent of the American population has ever cruised? If you're planning to take a cruise, I've got a couple of helpful hints. Make sure to bring an evening wrap or sweater. I personally find the air conditioned public rooms too cold.

Secondly, always pack essentials in your carry-on bag. Your luggage does not get to your cabin as quickly as you do and if you want to catch some rays or just freshen up—it's best to have your swimsuit and toiletries with you. The "Sovereign of the Seas," which I have some space booked for April 29th, was in port and she looked absolutely gorgeous. I still have some cabins left. The ship is sold out for this year and has limited space for '89—so don't wait to book!!

Another grandchild arrived June 23rd—Deanne Marie. Proud parents are Darcy & John Uzdilla of Ft. Myers. I had a chance to fly over from Miami and see the new arrival, combining some pleasure with business. Gave Eastern another chance and this time they came through and I actually arrived at my destination.

Julie—Fugazy Travel, 1160 Bay Street, Springfield 732-3153.

Bay Path Alumni Association Plans Trip To Boston Museum

The Springfield Chapter of the Bay Path Junior College Alumni Association will sponsor a bus trip to the Boston Museum of Science, Saturday, August 20th, to view the "Ramesses The Great" exhibition, and also visit the Museum's Mugar Omni Theatre, where participants will see "Seasons and New England Time Capsule." Alumni and guests are invited to attend.

The Ramesses exhibit, on loan from the Egyptian Museum in Cairo, features over 70 priceless artifacts from Egypt's Golden Age and includes the Colossus of Memphis, a 57-ton granite statue of Ramesses which was uncovered in 1962 at a construction site in Memphis. The exhibit's only tour stop in the Northeast is the Boston location. The Omni is a one-of-a-kind movie theatre with a four-story, domed screen and 84 speakers, surrounding viewers with sight and sound.

Buses will depart the Bay Path campus at 8:45 a.m., and leave Boston at 5:00 p.m. Tickets are limited and reservations should be made by July 8th. For more information, please contact Bay Path's Alumni Office, 567-0621.

Open Auditions Being Held For Suffield Players' Fall Show

Open auditions for The Suffield Players' fall production, "The Curate Shakespeare As You Like It," by Don Nigro will be held July 10th and 11th from 7:30 to 10:00 p.m., at Mapleton Hall, Mapleton Road, Suffield.

Four men and three women are needed to portray multiple roles in this whacky comedy about an acting troupe attempting to perform Shakespeare's "As You Like It" with seven actors.

Scripts are available at Kent Memorial Library in Suffield. Auditioners must prepare a short (one to three minutes) monologue from a Shakespearean play.

The production will be directed by Lyle W. Pearsons. Performance dates are October 13th, 14th, 15th, 21st, 22nd, 28th, 29th, November 4th, 5th.

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Music Cellar Students Going To Washington

Students from The Music Celler, 41 Pineview Circle, Agawam, will compete in the American Guild of Music competition in Washington, D.C., over this weekend. The students will play piano, organ, keyboard, electric and acoustic guitar, accordion, and other instruments, in solo, duet, and band categories. The competition will be followed by a formal banquet where awards will be presented.

Fifty people including parents and students departed from the Music Celler, July 7th. They plan to stay at

the Washington Hilton and Towers.

During their four-day stay, when a student is not performing, they will tour the capitol city and enjoy the luxurious hotel accommodations. The group will return to Agawam Monday, July 10th.

Ellen Buoniconti, owner and instructor of The Music Celler, is a member of the Board of Directors, and Room Captain chairwoman of the American Guild of Music. This is the fifth time she has taken her students for a weekend to an out-of-state competition.



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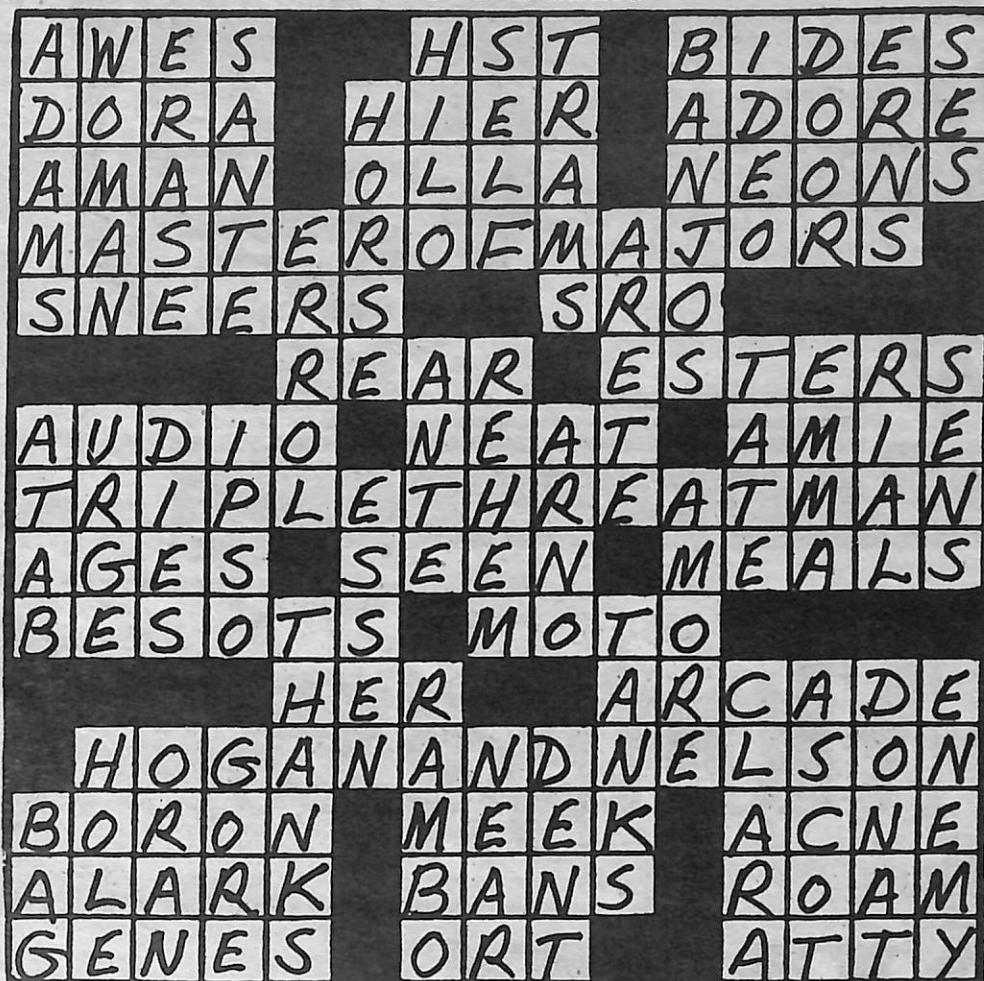


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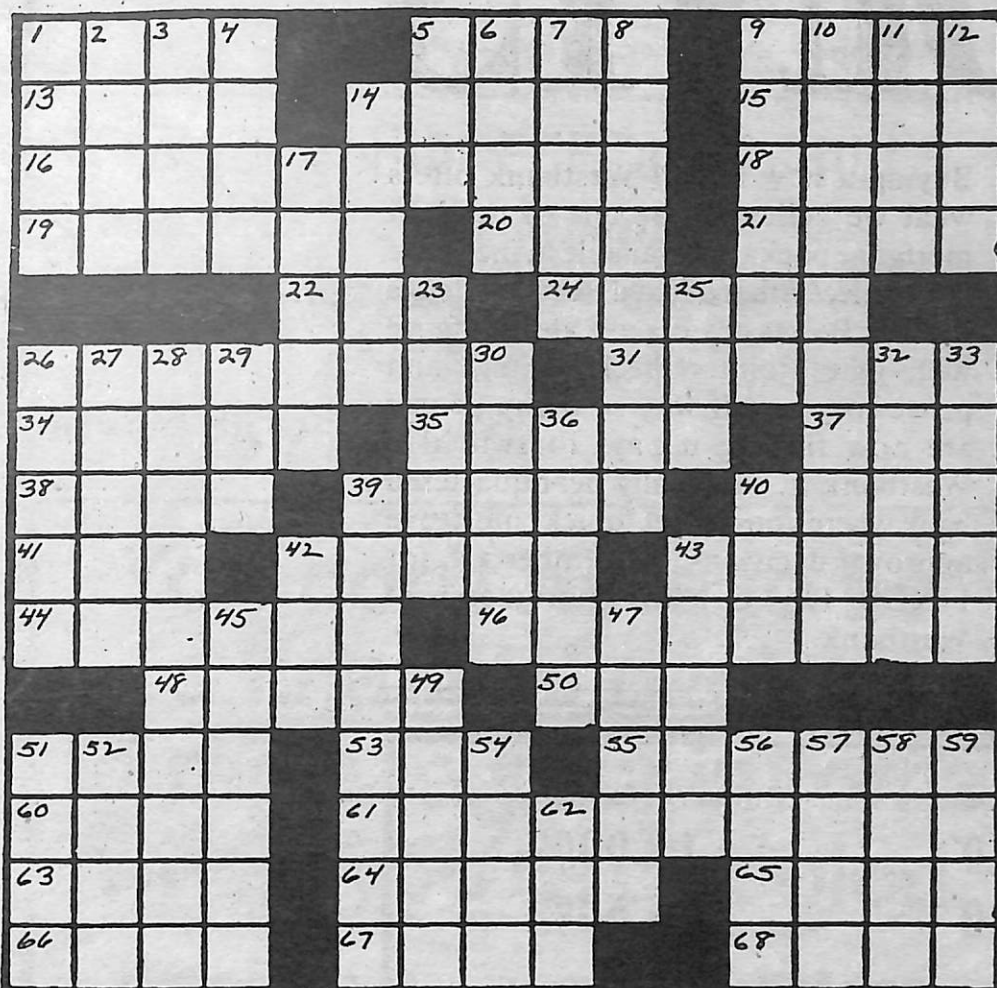
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Agawam's Elastic Band Takes First Prize At Competition

Agawam's "Elastic Band" captured first prize in the semi-professional category of the Seventh Annual Youth Music Competition, held June 23rd, on the West Springfield Town Common.

Professional adjudicators evaluated each competing band's 30 minute performance on intonation, rhythm, dynamics, precision, soloists, originality, arrangements, and presentation.

Drummer **Joe Bourbonnais**, 19, of 78 Tina Lane, guitarist **Mike Smith**, 19, of 72 Charter Oak Drive, bass guitarist **Dave Fazio**, 17, of 31 Fruwirth Avenue, and keyboard player **Marc Scortino**, 15, of 44 Forest Hills Road, entertained the crowd that gathered for the festival.

Sporting black tuxedo pants, white shirts, and pink cummerbunds and bow ties, the "Elastic Band" performed hits from "The Beach Boys," "Journey," "Huey Lewis and The News," "Billy Joel," and "Pat Swayze."

As an added feature to their repertoire, they did a special rendition of "Duke of Earl," acapella style, which involves only vocals and no instrumental accompaniment.

The group has previously performed at graduation and birthday parties, and is available for weddings, showers, bar mitzvahs, company picnics, and other special occasion. "Elastic Band" leader Joe Bourbonnais can be contacted at 786-6188.

The Youth Music Festival, sponsored by the West Springfield Arts Council, was part of the 25th Annual Summer Concert Series, which will be running until September 1st.

THE ELASTIC BAND from Agawam - Joe Bourbonnais, Mike Smith, Dave Fazio, and Marc Scortino. Advertiser News photo by Jeff Smith.

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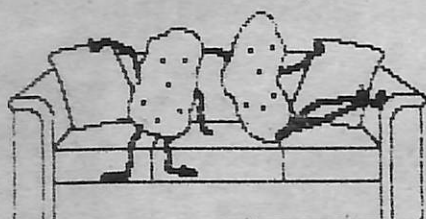
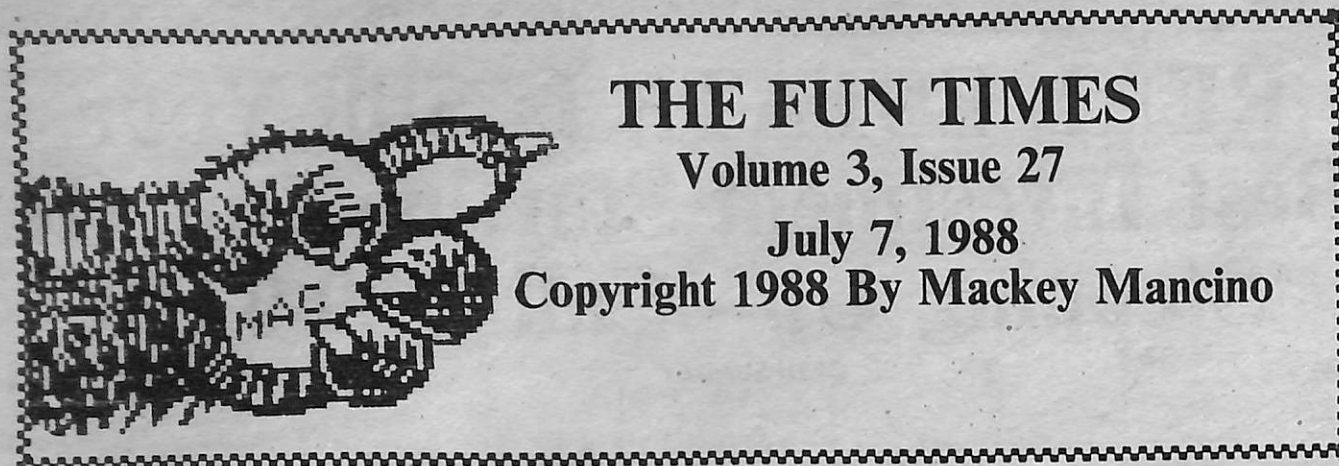


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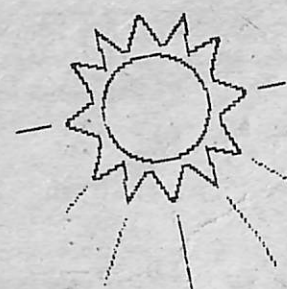


Hi everyone! So, how's your summer vacation going go far? Are you bored yet? Well, I sure do hope you don't turn into 'Couch Potatoes'. You know, those little critters who sit down all day and all night, watching T.V. They even eat in front of the TV. And sometimes fall asleep there, too! So, if this starts happening to you get out and do something. Try a book.

VOCABULARY CORNER

solar

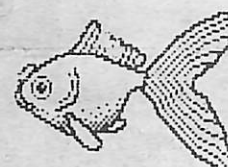
Solar means using the sun's rays. There are many things that work by using the heat and light of the sun. Many calculators work if there is enough light from the sun alone. Pools can be kept warmer by using a solar blanket. How many other things can you think of that work by the light or heat of the sun?



SCRAMBLER

Unscramble the words below for a clue to fill in the circles with the answer to the sentence.

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These are the kind found in water.



FISH

SQUARE FOUR

9	4	8	2	9	7	5
5	3	1	4	3	6	4
6	6	3	6	8	1	7
6	2	7	5	1	8	2
7	8	3	4	8	3	5
8	7	6	5	4	4	4
5	1	4	7	4	7	7

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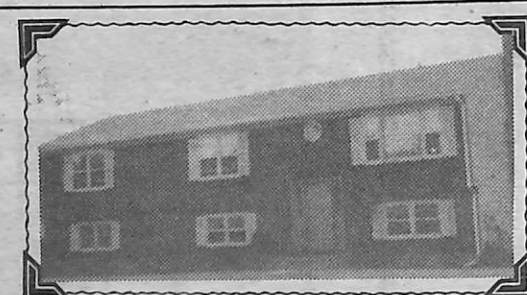


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